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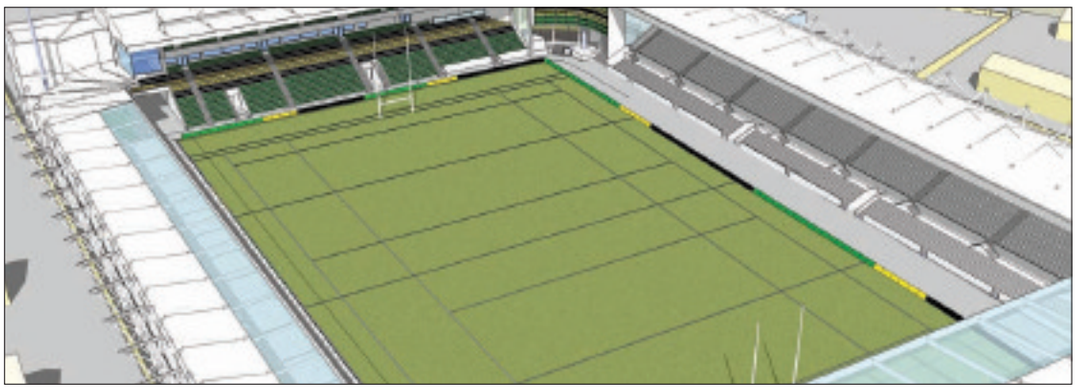

Saints' big plans for Franklin's Gardens

NORTHAMPTON Saints rugby club has submitted a planning application to extend its ground.

The long-awaited proposal includes a new north stand, taking capacity to just under 15,500. For more details on the club's plans for Franklin's Gardens ground, see page 3.

Cops under fire from judge in parade mix-up

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A ROW has broken out between Northamptonshire Police and the Crown Prosecution Service after the Force was blasted by a judge for not doing their job properly.

Judge Richard Bray slammed the police after the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) told him that they wanted to drop a case against a man charged with robbery and assault – because an ID parade had not taken place.

This was despite the victim saying that he knew his attacker by a nickname, which the defendant, who we have chosen not to name, admitted to using.

In Northampton Crown Court on Monday the CPS went before Judge Bray and announced that they wanted to drop all of the charges as they felt an identification parade needed to take place.

Judge Bray said: "I'm very concerned about it as it looks as through the police are in serious breach of their duty.

"This is a clear case of robbery and there should be at least an identity parade. There may be some special reason but on the face of it, it seems as they have failed in their duty."

However, Northamptonshire Police maintain that they were never asked to do the parade by the CPS and have offered to do one if they are asked in the future.

PC Stuart Roberts, officer in the case, said: "Following the investigation, we presented the case to the CPS. Based on the witness identification and subsequent interviews that were submitted to the CPS, we were not advised that a ID parade would be required and as such none took place.

"However, if the situation has changed and we now require this to take place, it can be conducted."

The CPS insist that they have spoken to the police on numerous occasions to try to get the ID parade to happen – to no avail – and have warned the case will collapse if it does not go ahead.

A spokesman for the CPS East Midlands said: "Although when this case was initially charged, a formal identification procedure was not specifically requested, CPS prosecutors have subsequently advised police officers in this case verbally and in writing that an identification procedure is essential for the case to proceed. When the case went to court this had still not taken place.

"The case has now been adjourned to allow the police to undertake an identification procedure or confirm that they are not going to do so, which will mean that the case will be discontinued as there will be insufficient evidence."

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Art gallery to get bus brush off

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NORTHAMPTON'S new bus station may be built at the expense of an art installation.

The borough council revealed this week that their preferred site for the new bus rank will be on the site of the Fishmarket in the town – currently an art gallery.

However, the authority has pledged to help find the Northampton Arts Collective, who run the former market, a new home.

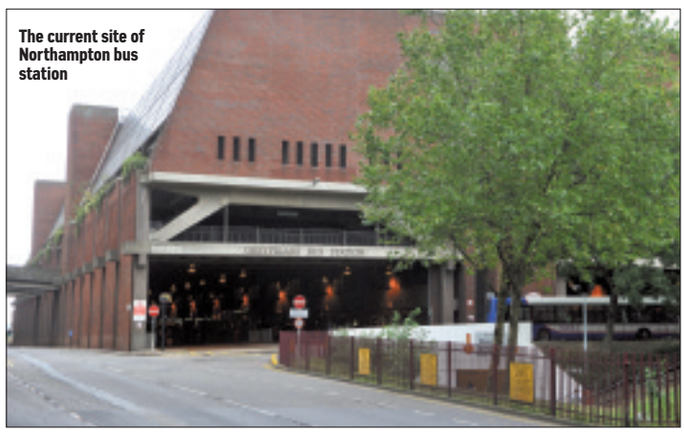
Councillor Tim Hadland, Northampton Borough Council portfolio holder for assets and regeneration, said: "A new bus interchange is something that many people have told us is essential as part of the work we are doing to regenerate and improve the town centre.

"Over the last few months, we have been looking at how we can create a modern bus interchange that is functional and welcoming for bus users and people coming into our town.

"Having carefully considered a number of potential options, our preferred solution is one that involves redeveloping the land where the old indoor market currently stands.

"There is still a lot to do but work has already begun with our partners at Northamptonshire County Council and West Northamptonshire Development Corporation.

"We are also talking with the Northampton Arts Collective, who currently use the former indoor market on a rent free basis, to see if we can help them to find a new home. We know that a new bus interchange is a very important issue and we will be making as much detail as possible available when it is considered by our cabinet next month."



The current site of Northampton bus station

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Motorist security firm hits out over police boycott

A SECURITY company has slammed Northamptonshire Police for not adopting a policy of dealing with them.

Policewitness.com has been set up by retired ex-cop Alan Featherstone who used to be the assistant chief constable at the Force.

The company provides a video security system to motorists who can record people breaking the law and pass the information on to police.

The firm states this is a free service but an annual registration fee is required.

Policewitness.com claim that Northamptonshire Police have been pushing for the service to be boycotted by other forces.

Mr Featherstone said: "I am astounded by the lack of vision from Northants Police, what happened to good old fashioned customer service?

"Our service ensures that the police service captures not just the incident the public are reporting but the specifics about the outcome they expect and how the incident has left them feeling, thus delivering exceptional customer service to those they serve.

"Northants Police were informed out of courtesy as all other forces have been. The fact they do not wish to assign a dedicated contact is immaterial and, in my own view, shortsighted.

"Our contact therefore until such time as a dedicated contact is communicated will be the Chief Constable. I can confirm that any reports received from the public will be emailed directly to him."

However, Northamptonshire Police have said that they have not dismissed the service and have simply transferred it to a national body before deciding whether to adopt it.

Deputy Chief Constable Suzette Davenport said: "We are aware of this initiative and we have forwarded the proposal to the national road policing portfolio.

"The initiative is applicable to all forces and the national body is the most appropriate forum for the proposal to be considered and for a decision to be made in respect of a way forward."

Six people arrested in a series of drug operations

A NUMBER of arrests were made across Northampton yesterday in multiple drugs busts.

A 24-year-old man from South Holme Court, Thorplands, was arrested in connection with the possession of Class A drugs with intent to supply after heroin and cannabis were discovered at the premises.

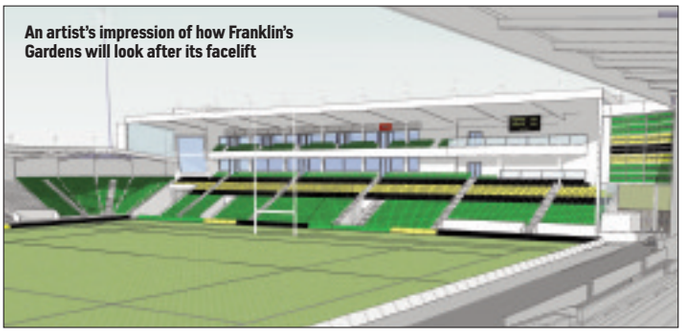
A cannabis factory, filled with hundreds of plants spread over two floors was raided at an address in Derngate. A man and woman, both Vietnamese nationals aged 52 and 51 respectively, were arrested.

Two men, aged 20 and 19, who were arrested at an address in North Oval, King's Heath, have been taken into custody at Campbell Square police station.

The 20-year-old was arrested on suspicion of possession of Class A drugs and theft and the 19-year-old on suspicion of theft.

A dozen small cannabis plants were found and seized at another address in South Holme Court, Thorplands.

Finally an 18-year-old man was arrested at Stirrup House, Northampton, in connection with the theft of a motor vehicle.


An artist's impression of how Franklin's Gardens will look after its facelift

Saints' stadium to become 'most dedicated rugby facility' in UK

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NORTHAMPTON Saints have announced plans to redevelop Franklin's Gardens after years of wrangling.

A planning application for the ground, which was subject to much debate between the Saints and Northampton Borough Council's previous Liberal Democrat administration, has been entered and includes a new north stand and an increase in capacity to just less than 15,500.

The new stand would turn Franklin's Gardens into a wraparound arena and has been designed by the Peter Haddon Partnership.

The development would see the club become the most dedicated rugby facility in the country and is hoped to be completed in the summer of 2013.

The Saints were in talks with supermarket giants ASDA to partner the new stand and although it is not clear whether a link will continue with the retailer, the club has stated that this is how it intends to finance the redevelopment.

Saints chairman Leon Barwell said: "The development of Franklin's Gardens is a long-standing issue and we believe we can now see the light at the end of the tunnel.

"Although we have had plans for the North Stand, we have also been talking in abstracts about the timeline for the development.

"We are therefore very pleased to be in the position to confirm not just what the new North Stand will look like but also when we intend for the development to take place. This gives us plenty of time to put together a planning application that takes into account every possible aspect and ensures that we will not be doing a rush job for the sake of it.

"The expansion of Franklin's Gardens is crucial in the long-term development of the club and we want to make sure we do it right.

"We believe that the plans we have announced suit our needs perfectly. They still represent the biggest single increase in capacity in the club's history and when we are filling the seats week in, week out, we will be in the top five clubs in Europe in terms of average attendances at our regular home ground."

Last season Saints were forced to use stadium:mk for their Heineken Cup quarter final tie with Ulster but the club haven't ruled out using the Milton Keynes venue in the future due to its capacity.

Mr Barwell said: "We will also have the option of using stadium:mk in Milton Keynes which will be increasing in capacity up to 32,000 in the next 12 months and would give many more supporters the opportunity to watch the Saints than we could ever fit into Franklin's Gardens.

"We remain committed to the town of Northampton but we also have to ensure that the Saints does not get left behind in what is a very competitive sport.

"This development will give us the ability to continue our investment in the playing side of the club, including spending up to the limits of the salary cap, while continuing the sustainability of the club as a business which after all is in the interests of everyone associated with the club."

Man came to sex assault victim's aid

POLICE want to talk to a man who assisted a woman when she was being sexually assaulted.

She was attacked on Overstone Road, Northampton, during the early hours of Tuesday morning.

The victim screamed for help and the man came to the woman's aid before walking her to a friend's house.

Police are keen to speak to this witness.

The attack took place at around 5.10am, when a 47-year-old Polish woman, who speaks little English, walked from Dunster Street along Overstone Road towards Duke Street.

She was confronted by a man who indecently exposed himself and then touched her inappropriately. The man was possibly under the influence of drugs.

The offender is described as white, with a tanned complexion. He was of slim build, aged in his late 20s, with short, straight black tidy hair and a couple of day's hair growth on his face.

He was wearing dark blue or black jeans and a dark blue hooded top, which was undone. The top had writing across its front.

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Cops should target accident hotspots on roads

YOUR story on speed cameras on September 15 was interesting but in my opinion misses the point.

Is the target of the police really to catch as many speeding motorists as possible or is it about saving lives and reducing injury and accidents?

Which are the most dangerous sections of roads in Northamptonshire? Are these the roads where the mobile cameras are located? I would suggest not always.

I have seen mobile cameras located at sites where the roads are as safe as one could reasonably expect, eg. the new dual carriageway section of Weedon Road where there is a rather ridiculous 40mph speed limit.

Other places include the A5 between Towcester and the racecourse and even at the bottom of a hill just before the speed de-restriction signs in Fosters Booth.

These are places that in the overall scheme of things are not dangerous but are places where motorists could allow their car to exceed the limit because they are reaching the de-restriction zone, going down a hill or in the case of the Weedon Road, ignore it because it is seen as unnecessary (50mph would be more appropriate in my opinion).

There have been many accidents and even deaths at the awkward S bend near Campion School, Bugbrooke. What has been done about straightening the road or moving the speed limit signs to before the bend? Nothing.

There are now so many potholes on this road, and on other stretches of road in the county, that people are having to try to dodge them to protect the suspension of their cars.

The M1 stretch between junction 15 and 16 must be the most dangerous stretch of road in the county. What has been done to improve the stretch or make it safer?

Let's see some real figures from the police relating to accident blackspots, serious injury or deaths to percentages of mobile camera time spent at those sites, including the M1.

Much as I disapprove of people breaking the law and driving dangerously, the 'speed camera' system does not get my vote because I believe there is a compromise between raising enough money from the fines to run it and saving lives. I think CI Bell summed it up when he said and I quote from your story "it's all about the financial issue."

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■ **In response to our story on September 8 about Northampton General Hospital cutting a service that helps patients deal with psychological problems to save almost £150,000 a year.**

PATIENTS midway through treatment have been dumped, as if they weren't feeling bad enough, to be told a service no longer exists. The hospital chiefs don't talk about how the future care of these patients is being co-ordinated.

Why do cancer patients get preferential treatment, surely this is discrimination, what makes their condition more needy than others?

Ill health is ill health. If a person is suffering psychologically or physically, they deserve to be treated humanely.

I have a life threatening genetic condition, not cancer, but life threatening, I'm waiting to hear if I can get surgery including a transplant at Newcastle, as Oxford couldn't give me a reasonable outcome after spending months putting me through tests.

I constantly live in pain supported by opiates but these only take the edge off the pain. Without surgery I will die a very painful death, I found the psychology service a lifeline, someone who understood my pain, suffering and despair.

That support is now gone, the chiefs say alternative support will be given in the form of a counsellor.

It is an insult to me and psychologists to think that a counsellor will be able to help such a complex situation, if I had cancer (not just terminal cancer but any form of cancer) I would be able to continue with psychology support, how is that fair?

How can they say that someone with a usually treatable condition is worthy of a better level of support than I. I am not alone, there are hundreds of people just like me in Northamptonshire with similar stories who've been affected by this cut – £147K is it really such a saving?

How many self induced illnesses are getting supported, people who through their own willfulness have caused themselves ill health – addicts, obese, unwanted pregnancies, smokers and so the list goes on, all causing themselves to be ill and all being supported at a greater cost than 147K.

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Finding a new chief should not cost £20k

SO Wellingborough can find £20,000 to appoint a new chief executive.

This proposal, as it stands at the moment, smacks of gross incompetence.

There are 36 elected councillors to choose from to form an interview panel and it should not be beyond the ability of three or four of them to agree to a job specification then shortlist and interview the appropriate candidates without wasting our money.

Chief executives are not magicians, as much as they like to think they are.

The salaries paid to them are exorbitant and any contract offered to the most suitable candidate should include a yearly review.

Failing to meet the expected level of success should result in dismissal with no more than a basic pension entitlement. Any applicant, who uses the word bonus should be automatically eliminated from the process!

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Rat's your lot: Plan to get rid of rodents

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A PLAN is in the pipeline to get rat catchers back onto the streets of Northampton.

Northampton Borough Labour Councillor Danielle Stone put forward a motion at a council meeting with a view to bringing back pest control in the town.

The previous Liberal Democrat administration cut the service in 2009, in a bid to save cash.

The council has pledged to look into and debate the issue to see if the methods of pest control can be brought back next year.

Cllr Stone said: "There are two reasons why this should be brought back. One is the public health risk that pests and particularly rats carry.

"The second is the cost to people to get private pest controllers in. It can cost as much as £135 for a one-off rat catcher and someone on the minimum wage will only earn something like £220 a week.

"I'm not sure private individuals should have to pay for a public health risk."

Cllr Stone believes that the increase in pests, particularly rats, is on the rise due to the economic climate, with fewer people able to afford to rid the rats from their property, as well as an increase in flytipping.

Cllr Stone said: "I have had a lot of experience with rats. I know a lot about them. I have often had them in my garden and I have used all the home remedies to try to get rid of them.

"Frankly none of them work and they are very expensive. I don't think it's good enough to tell people to just go and buy some rat poison."

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Bus window smashed

POLICE are looking for two youths after they threw an object at a bus, smashing its window.

The criminal damage took place in Northampton on Saturday at around 7.10pm at the junction of St George's Avenue and Barrack Road.

The object smashed a window and glass showered down on to some passengers who were not injured.

Two youths were seen running away from the scene down St George's Avenue.

The first is described as around 5ft tall, of average build and wearing a dark top and bottoms. The second is described as around 5ft tall, of average build and wearing a beige top.

Witnesses, or anyone with information, should call Northamptonshire Police on 03000 111 222 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Beverley's set to meet her electorate at supermarket

TOMORROW Councillor Beverley Mennell will be volunteering in her ward to meet people she represents.

Cllr Mennell, a Northampton Borough Council Labour party member, will work at Morrisons, on Kettering Road, to meet the residents of Kingsley.

She will be talking to shoppers by working in their café and packing bags at the checkout.

Cllr Mennell said: "Many people in Kingsley use Morrisons to do their weekly shop and some of them are of course employed there as well.

"Many people are far too busy in their everyday lives to meet their councillor so I thought I would go to a place where I could meet them.

"I myself regularly shop at Morrisons and am really looking forward to doing voluntary work there."

Man awaits his fate after glassing attack

A MAN admitted to glassing another male in a pub, moments before his trial was about to begin.

Mark Hill, 31, pleaded guilty to unlawfully wounding after being warned by Judge Richard Bray that if he pleaded not guilty and was then found to be in the wrong, he would not be lenient in his sentencing.

Hill admitted glassing a man in the Road to Morocco pub on Bridgewater Drive, Northampton, on June 12 last year.

The man required 12 stitches after being hit on the head with a glass. A second charge of common assault was left on the file.

Judge Bray adjourned sentencing in order to carry out a pre-sentence report. Hill will be sentenced on October 11.

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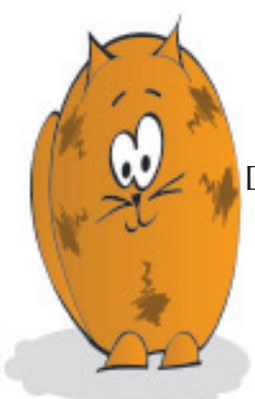

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The Big Society should come with instructions

Where is the instruction book for the Big Society?

I do not know about you but I like my birthday and Christmas presents to be complete surprises. So, when my girlfriend presented me with a large and tightly wrapped packed parcel for my birthday, I was already feeling like a child again.

What could it be?

Of course, no surprise present is complete without a guess as to its contents.

It rattled but otherwise offered not a clue as to its contents.

So, time to resort to the timeless fun of ripping the paper off to reveal a bird feeder with bags of bird food and a book to identify the birds that might come to feed.

Now, we all know the frustration of assembling flat pack furniture.

There always seems to be a few too many or too few screws or the instructions have lost something in the translation from the original Chinese but this was a breeze to assemble.

But as I manoeuvre the eight foot high feeder carefully through the door, it dawns on me that the instructions ought to have told me to have assembled it outside first.

After a few trials, a good place that is close to the house to see the birds but with suitable protection from the local cats is selected and in the feeder goes.

Even, as I load the feeder with food, a couple of birds have mysteriously appeared from nowhere and are expectantly watching me.

And what is that mysterious shadow trying to hide in the undergrowth? Step forward, 'Monty' my name for the neighbour's extremely old and fat cat.

Within minutes of retreating into the house, the first bird alights on the feeder and starts a seemingly endless cycle of hopping from a nearby tree onto the bird feeder and back again.

Over the next couple of days, more and more birds come visiting and what a joy it is to watch them feeding.

Three days later, it is obvious that I am going to have to replenish the food supplies.

So, it is off to the pet shop for some advice.

The assistant gives me a little leaflet which starts with the following "Once you've started feeding birds in your garden, don't suddenly stop.

"The birds will get used to a regular supply of food from your garden and will soon become dependent."

Now, the birds have given me so much pleasure, that I and my wallet already know that we are going to be regular customers of the pet shop but the word dependency sends a shiver down my spine.

I have lost count of the number of times that I have heard politicians of all political hues use the phrase dependency culture in all sorts of contexts.

Most recently, it has been Prime Minister David Cameron suggesting that his idea of the Big Society is the way to end the dependency of many on the state.

Nobody seems to know where the Tories dreamed up the idea of the Big Society and it seems to be all things to all men.

Maybe they got it from thinking that individuals and charities can help look after individuals in the same way as I have started feeding my local birds.

Well, if they did then there are some other lessons that they ought to have learned just like I have from feeding the birds.

Caring for the old and the weaker members of our society is not a cheap business and it costs money not just money up front but it cost money each and every year.

Voluntary and family carers might start off as amateurs but they quickly need some proper information, support and training.

It really is time for the Tories to come clean and give us the proper and full instruction book for their idea of a Big Society and more importantly tell us how they are going to pay for it.

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Talented Xing remembered through music and poetry

BY JONATHAN REILLY
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MORE than 400 people gathered at Northampton High School to attend a memorial service to Xing Ding.

Xing, 18, was murdered with her family, dad Jeff, 46, mum Helen, 47, and little sister Alice, 12, on April 29, in her home in Simpson Manor, Northampton.

The memorial, which took place at the school on Friday, saw the talented former student remembered through music and poetry.

A DVD of Xing and Alice performing at the School Proms in 2008 at The Royal Albert Hall was also shown.

Xing, a talented pupil who was due to study medicine at the University of Nottingham, was also awarded her A Levels posthumously. Headmistress Sarah Dixon led the tributes on her blog.

TRAGEDY: Xing Ding

She said: "It was great to see so many girls, parents, colleagues and friends of the school at our memorial service for Xing on Friday evening.

"It was really moving to hear so many fond memories and a varied programme of superb music, launched by the County Strings Symphonia, which was an appropriate tribute to Xing.

"We were thrilled that the examination boards decided that they wanted to authenticate posthumous A Levels for Xing so we were able to display her four A* grade certificates, amongst many photos and other touching memorabilia."

■ Police are still searching for the prime suspect in the murder, Anxiang Du, 52.

Previously unseen footage of Mr Du is due to air on TV in tonight's edition of Crimewatch.

The new footage shows Mr Du abandoning a car at 2.27am on Saturday, April 30 in London. That was the last confirmed sighting.

Officers in the Northamptonshire Police incident room will be manning the phones and answering calls from the public during the programme.

Potential sightings continue to be received by the team and are all being followed up.

For the full story, see www.northampton-news-hp.co.uk

Hundreds caught risking not paying for TV licence

MORE than 1,000 people in Northampton have been caught watching TV without a licence during the first eight months of 2011.

TV Licensing spokesman for the East Midlands, Mark Whitehouse said: "We would always prefer people to pay than risk a fine of up to £1,000.

"We offer a wide range of payment options to help spread the cost and suit people's needs.

"These can all be set up quickly and easily online at www.tvlicensing.co.uk or by phone."

Simon Johnson, Midlands Co-ordinator for AdviceUK, the UK's largest network of independent advice centres, added: "The TV Licence should be treated as essential expenditure when drawing up a household budget.

"You could get a magistrates' court fine for not having a licence. We know some people find managing their finances challenging so it's important they have access to free independent advice on how to budget and spread the cost of household bills."

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MP's bid to support struggling parents

BY JONATHAN REILLY
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ONE of the county's MPs has set up a new charity in the hope of helping fix broken parts of society.

Andrea Leadsom, MP for South Northamptonshire, has launched NORPIP (Northamptonshire Parent Infant Project) which is based in Towcester and aims to help parents who struggle to form relationships with their baby.

The charity believes that if these relationships do not develop, it can have a profound and lifelong negative impact on the child which can result in, among other things, anti-social behaviour in later life.

Mrs Leadsom has worked with OXPIP (Oxfordshire Parent Infant Project) over the past 12 years and launched NORPIP on September 5.

She plans to roll out the charity countrywide over the next three years.

Mrs Leadsom said: "NORPIP will tackle some of society's most challenging issues. We know from the shocking rioting and looting on our streets last month that there is a desperate need to address the broken elements within our society.

"NORPIP will offer intensive therapeutic counselling to Northamptonshire families who are struggling to form a secure bond with their baby.

"It will work with parent and baby together to build a positive relationship that meets the needs of the baby.

"I'm convinced that Parent Infant Projects can offer a massive contribution to mending our broken society."

NORPIP will initially be operating from Victoria House in Towcester.

Vanessa Bird, the office manager, would be interested in hearing from volunteers.

HELPING out: Andrea Leadsom MP

Countess Spencer to get cyclists underway

COUNTESS Spencer will perform her first official UK duty since marrying Earl Spencer when she opens Cycle 4 Cynthia on Sunday.

The event is held at the Spencers' Althorp home for the benefit of The Friends of Cynthia Spencer Hospice and the county branch of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Last year more than 800 participants pedalled their way to raising £40,000 for the two charities.

This year organisers are hoping to attract more than 1,000 riders, and to raise a record £50,000.

Canadian-born Karen, who married the Earl at a private ceremony at Althorp in June, said: "I was absolutely delighted to receive the invitation to start Cycle 4 Cynthia this year as I know how important The Friends of Cynthia Spencer and Macmillan are to the people of Northamptonshire.

"They deserve everyone's support.

"I consider it a great privilege to be firing the starting gun to set the cyclists on their way.

"It's going to be quite a spectacle, seeing all those riders gathered in the park at Althorp. I can't wait to play my part in this very special day."

The event will again offer five, 25 or 50 mile routes. Entry is £15 for adults, and £7.50 for children. Visit www.cycle4cynthia.com

Sign up and let's get our running shoes on

COMPETITORS who want to enter Run '11 in Northampton are being asked to get their entries in as soon as possible.

The event will start and finish at Sixfields on October 2.

Event spokesman and director of Northamptonshire Sport, Chris Holmes, said: "We're really excited about the number of people who have already entered and remaining places are filling up rapidly so anyone wavering about whether to give it a go or not needs to get their entry in sharpish. The Run '11 is for everyone. We'll have racers, runners, joggers, strollers and walkers taking part."

Participants can choose to raise money for their own charity or the Run '11 partner charities – The Stroke Association, Macmillan Cancer Support, Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance, Northamptonshire Community Foundation and The Lowdown.

The final deadline for online entries is September 27. Go to www.the-run.org

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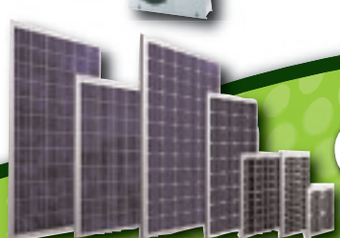

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GIRL ASSAULTED BY MALE

A TEENAGE girl was assaulted after being approached by three men.

Officers are appealing for witnesses following the incident in Waveney Way, Northampton, on Sunday between 8.30pm and 9pm.

The 15-year-old was walking along Waveney Way when she was approached by three men who were with a small black car. One of the men assaulted her.

The offenders are described as black, possibly in their 20s and wearing hoodies.

MAN DRAGGED ALONG BY CAR

A MAN was injured after being pulled along by a car.

It happened in Silver Street, Northampton, on Friday between 3.15am and 3.38am when a man was on his way back from the Balestra night club when he stopped to talk to another man who was sitting in the back of a silver car parked near the Fishmarket in Silver Street.

The offender then grabbed his arm as the vehicle moved off, causing him to have to run to keep up.

After a few yards he tripped and fell and was dragged along the ground for a few more yards.

He sustained cuts and bruises for which he was treated at Northampton General Hospital.

The main offender is described as Asian, aged 20 to 25, about 6ft 2 tall and had a beard.

PEDESTRIAN INJURED BY CAR

OFFICERS are looking for information after a pedestrian stepped out into the path of a car.

The road traffic collision took place last Thursday at about 8.30pm in Towcester Road, Northampton, almost adjacent with Rothersthorpe Road.

A silver Renault was travelling in the direction of Tesco. It had just passed Delapre Crescent, when the pedestrian, a 55-year-old man, stepped out from the nearside kerb.

As a result of the collision he suffered severe trauma to the pelvis, chest and head and is in a critical condition at Northampton General Hospital.

■ Witnesses to these incidents, or anyone with information, should call Northamptonshire Police on 03000 111 222 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

SCHOOL CHOIR TO JOIN DRIFTERS

STUDENTS from Queen Eleanor Primary School in Northampton will perform with legendary band The Drifters at Royal & Derngate next month.

The group have been working within selected communities offering schools the chance for their choir to perform live for a one-off song.

The Northampton pupils will take to the stage on Sunday, October 16.

Around 20 children from the school, aged from eight to 11, will be performing.

The group's hits include Fools Fall In Love and Under the Boardwalk.

£22K TO OFFER TENANT TRAINING

A LIFE skills course from South Northants Homes has received more than £22,000 worth of funding to help disadvantaged tenants and vulnerable people get back on their feet.

The Skills Funding Agency awarded the money to the social housing provider and partners for their Move-In4ward project, which was one of only 59 successful projects from 2,414 applications.

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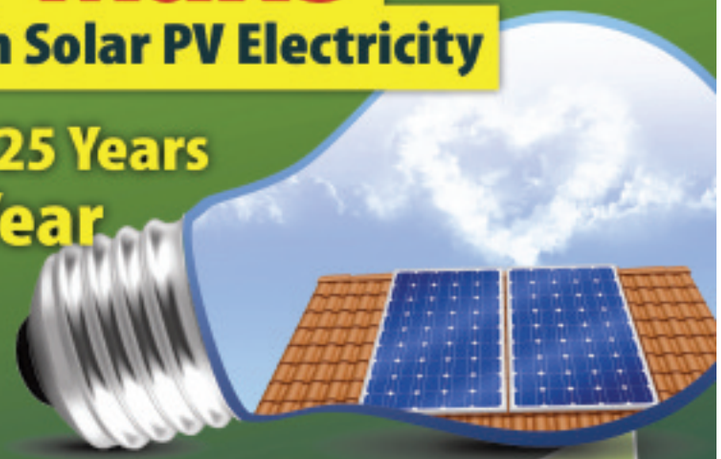

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Avon's calling... after 125 years

MAKE-UP company Avon has celebrated its 125th birthday at its headquarters in Northampton.

The celebrated cosmetics brand, which originally started in America in 1886, marked its founders' day last Thursday.

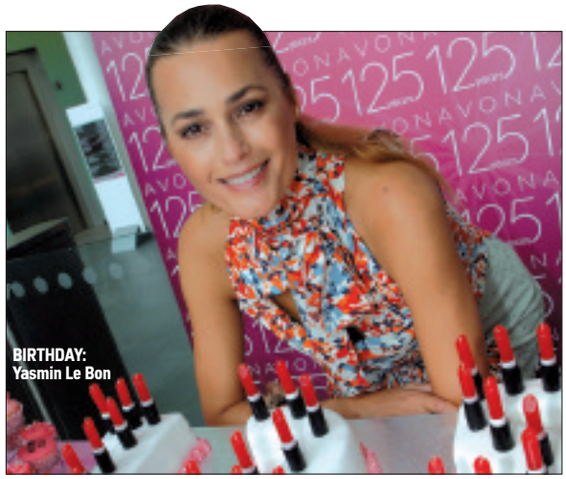
The date in the beauty giant's diary marks the day when David H. McConnell developed his revolutionary idea to sell make-up door-to-door.

Around 1,500 Avon employees were treated to a day of celebrations, including birthday presents, surprises, party games and a birthday lunch. They were joined by Avon UK & ROI general manager Scott Schlackman and supermodel and friend of Avon Yasmin Le Bon.

She said: "I am so happy to be joining in with Avon's 125th anniversary celebrations.

"Avon has been with me all my life, my mother was an Avon representative and many of my first modelling assignments were for their brochures.

"Avon empowers women in so many ways and I'm so proud to be part of their history."



BIRTHDAY: Yasmin Le Bon

Cops praise initiative for fall in crime

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HOUSE burglary, robbery and vehicle crime in Northamptonshire has been cut by almost a third since the launch of Operation Guardian two years ago.

The scheme came into force on September 14, 2009 and the total number of serious acquisitive crimes between then and September 13, 2011 is 16,589.

In the two years prior to the launch of Guardian – between September 14, 2007 and September 13, 2009 – the comparative figure was 24,464.

In the last two years, there have been 7,875 fewer offences, a reduction of 32 per cent. The largest falling category has been vehicle crime but there have also been significant reductions in burglary and robbery.

Arrests over the two years total 3,626 and in terms of offenders brought to justice, this figure has topped 1,000 every month between December 2010 and May 2011. Superintendent Mark Evans, the Force lead for Operation Guardian, said: "House burglaries, robbery and vehicle crime have fallen dramatically and while we have actually carried out more than 3,000 arrests around these offences in the last two years, the arrest figure is dropping because significantly fewer crimes are being committed.

"There is plenty to be proud of and some good news stories to tell, stories about offenders who have rehabilitated through our Integrated Offender Management programme, about offenders brought to book if they refuse help and about victims of burglary reunited with possessions they thought had gone for good.

"We will be continuing to put the fear of crime into the criminal by mobilisation of all Force personnel and partners to conduct high-profile enforcement activity and we are adapting and refreshing our tactics constantly in order to have the best impact."

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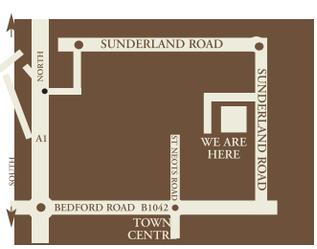

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Man charged after officers' highly-valued drug bust find

BY JONATHAN REILLY
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A MAN has been charged after police raided a property and found drugs worth hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Christopher Peachment, 39, was arrested last Friday, at East Park Parade, Northampton, and appeared at Northampton Magistrates' Court on Saturday.

He has been charged with being concerned with the supply of Class A drugs, believed to be cocaine, cultivating cannabis and for being in possession of a false passport.

A police spokesman said: "A substantial quantity of substances were seized for examination, believed to be both class A and class B drugs, with a possible value in excess of hundreds of thousands of pounds."

The raid was part of Operation Guardian and Northampton Town Centre Safer Community Team.

Mr Peachment will remain in custody until his next court appearance tomorrow.

Laura's in the running for front row grid slot

LAURA Haynes from Northamptonshire has taken a step closer to the glitz and glamour of a position on the front row of the Silverstone racing track.

The HiQ fast fit network, sponsors of the Dunlop British Touring Car Championship's teams' standings, launched a nationwide appeal to find a 'pink grid girl' in July, to support their fundraising efforts for Breast Cancer Care.

HiQ is searching for a grid girl to represent Team Aon at the last round of the season at Silverstone on October 16 and Laura Haynes from Rushden has made the top ten shortlist.

The overall winner will also receive complimentary vouchers for a luxury spa break and will get to keep the iconic pink race suit, to be worn on the day.

HiQ's marketing manager Geraldine McGovern said: "It is the second time we have run this competition after it was so successful in 2009.

"We have been overwhelmed with entries and it was a tough decision shortlisting the final ten as many share a genuine love for the British Touring Car Championships and have been affected in some way by breast cancer.

"The aim of the competition is to raise awareness of our partnership with Breast Cancer Care and our fundraising programme project pink.

"Well done to Laura for getting this far and fingers crossed for the final decision."

Voting is open at www.hiqonline.co.uk and the winner will be announced October 17.

Forum members needed to help improve services

PEOPLE across the county are being urged to step forward to join a new forum.

Northamptonshire County Council is looking for people to join the Prevention Strategy Customer Forum.

The council currently spends £44m on services delivered by hundreds of organisations across the county which focus on preventing problems arising in people's lives. These services include work carried out by mental health teams or drugs and alcohol services.

These are known as prevention services and with ever increasing demands on services, and with huge reductions in Government funding, the council is currently consulting to find a way to help more people help themselves and ultimately become less reliant on more specialist services.

The forum will be made-up of ten customers or carers who use prevention services in the county, giving them the opportunity to feed back about the proposed changes to help ensure the authority fully understands the impact of proposals on those affected.

The members will also act as ambassadors by sharing the information with other customers and groups to help make sure everyone understands the proposals.

Anyone who is a resident of Northamptonshire and who is a current or past customer of prevention services or a carer is eligible to join the forum.

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EDL takes centre

A STUDY and report on the far right movement will come under the spotlight tomorrow when the University of Northampton hosts a conference on how these groups work. **JONATHAN REILLY** spoke to Dr Paul Jackson to find out how the far right is still part of today's society.

THE phrase 'far right' often conjures stereotypical images of Hitler, the Nazis and swastikas.

And while historically this may be the case, the extreme right has evolved like almost everything else in the political landscape.

Tomorrow 50 leading experts on these groups will gather at the University of Northampton in a bid to understand the mentality of these organisations.

Under the spotlight will be one of the UK's most recent far right groups, the English Defence League, more commonly known as the EDL.

At the conference a report, which was part-funded by the national domestic extremism unit, will say it believes the EDL is a far right group.

Author of the document Dr Paul Jackson, ***pictured***, a lecturer in history at the university, said: "There seems to be some resistance to call them a far right organisation or extremist group but we have seen that they carry the main traits of these kinds of groups.

"They distance themselves from mainstream politics and are Islamaphobic by nature, although the EDL is a new form of far right organisation that has moved away from Neo-Nazism and anti-semitic agendas."

Dr Jackson explained why the group started in Luton as opposed to other similar sized towns, such as

Northampton, despite being only 35 miles apart.

He said: "The EDL were able to latch onto the football firm that was already present in the town and there were also social issues.

"Add to that a tiny minority of the Muslim community having, or seen to have extremists links, it only took the protest at the homecoming march by soldiers in March 2009 to spark the whole thing off." Despite not having an entrenched far right group, the expert believes there are more people who are

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supportive of the group than the mainstream media may suggest.

"Anywhere could see minor movements from the EDL. The way they plan their demonstrations is done in such a way that deals with the localism of the far right.

"Whether these will gain prominence in other towns including Northampton is unknown – more research needs to be done.

"Undoubtedly there will be some people in Northampton who agree with the views of the EDL but feel they are too violent to support them."

Although Dr Jackson doesn't believe that the group could be dangerous in terms of terrorism, he believes that the EDL could easily be a spawning place for an individual with a violent nature. The group is more interested in protests and demonstrations but we have seen individuals taking measures into their own hands, individuals burning the Koran, or placing pigs' heads in mosques. It only takes one individual to believe their self-importance for you to have an atrocity like the one committed by Anders Breivik in Norway."

The use of social media within the EDL has also been observed in the report to assess how the group uses the tool, to gain support and organise events.

After the conference the report will be passed onto the relevant policy-makers and will also be made available to the general public.

The academics will hope no doubt that people's ideas of the far right will soon get up to speed.

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Stop clowning about and face your phobia

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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ANYONE with a phobia of clowns can now receive 'clowncelling'

John Lawson's Circus, which is set to arrive in the county next week, is offering this service.

Coulrophobia, or the fear of clowns, is believed to be caused by a subconscious fear of the unknown. A clown's heavy make-up can be seen as a mask that hides the character's true intentions, which can seem unsettling.

A recent poll placed them third as the nation's biggest fear behind spiders and needles.

With the arrival of the circus, clowns Kakehole and Popol are determined to ease people's worries and remind them clowns are a figure of fun.

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The Bookstart Bear Club is a free reward scheme for all babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers and their families.

It is part of a national scheme run by Bookstart that aims to reward children coming to the library and joining in rhymetimes, borrowing books and exploring and sharing stories with their families.

It is designed to support families in engaging in early learning activities including beyond what the Bookstart packs offer.

For the rest of the month, libraries and children's centres will be celebrating the arrival of the Bookstart Bear Club.

For further information, contact Helen Shepherd on 01604 366540.

Spot checks tackle school-run parking

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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A CAMPAIGN is to tackle the problem of inconsiderate and dangerous parking around primary schools in the north sector of Northampton.

The campaign, spearheaded by Northampton Borough Council's neighbourhood management team and run jointly with the police and county council's parking enforcement, comes after an increasing number of complaints from residents concerned about illegal parking around schools.

The issue is a particular problem around school drop-off and pick up times.

While the main intention of the campaign is to warn drivers of the dangers of inconsiderate parking, fines will also handed out to those caught parking illegally or dangerously.

Northampton Borough Council cabinet advisor, Councillor David Mackintosh, said: "Inconsiderate and dangerous parking around schools is a real issue and we hope this campaign will help to address this.

"We have received numerous complaints from residents and parents about drivers who abandon their vehicles in dangerous places which makes negotiating the roads safely an absolute nightmare.

"Our main concern is for the safety of children and we are urging parents and people who use their cars to get to and from school to park legally, safely and responsibly."

Each week the team will carry out unannounced spot checks at one of 17 primary schools in the north sector.

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Hotel and spa goes into administration

BY JONATHAN REILLY
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Whittlebury Hall, near Towcester, announced it has brought in administrators in order to help find a buyer and to save the company and the employment of 310 members of staff. The site has suffered months of cash flow difficulties.

Whittlebury Hall, which has 211 rooms, as well as a spa and management training centre, appointed corporate advisory and restructuring specialist, Zolfo Cooper on September 14.

The joint administration team will be run by Peter Holder, Kevin Coates, Nick Cropper and Anne O'Keefe.

The joint administrators will continue to trade the business while they look for a buyer for the facility.

Mr Holder said: "This is a profitable and high quality hotel ideally situated next to the Silverstone Circuit.

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PATRICIA 70's, widow, 5ft 7ins, medium build, own home, dog lover, N/S, likes cooking, gardening, seeks kind, caring gent of similar age for companionship and good times. Ely. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 375857**

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PETRIANA caring, honest, sincere lady, young at heart, 40's, told attractive, blonde, hazel eyes, vivacious, WLTM true old school gentleman for friendship, maybe more. Essex. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 375971**

NANCY beautiful brunette, 20yrs, slim, no ties, WLTM older male to love, look after and who will love me for who I am. Can travel. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 373079**

FEMALE widow, easygoing, seeks male for friendship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 374513**

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40YR old single mum, 5ft 3ins, medium build, blue eyes, short hair, seeks male, 30-45 for friendship, maybe more. Northampton. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 371421**

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YOUNG looking attractive fit female who has been alone too long, looking for genuine fun times with likeminded man. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 371559**

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LOREEN 48, divorced, brunette, 5ft 1ins, seeks gent for nights out, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 375643**

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JOHN 56 widower, good looking, likes most things, seeks slim lady, 50's for fun times. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 376753**

ALEC 57, happy go lucky, likes travel, most things, seeks female to share life and be happy with. Norfolk. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 376725**

TYRONE 28, 5ft 8ins, from Caribbean, easygoing, seeks similar female. Norwich. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 376703**

MATT 49, fit, looking for mature lady, 55 plus for daytime, no strings fun. Aylesbury. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 376609**

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RUBEN black male, 5ft 8ins, large build, good looking, seeks nice, trustworthy lady for relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 376437**

WAYNE caring, honest, genuine, 48, N/S, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 376399**

ROBERT Ipswich male, 52, seeks female, 30-50, Thai/Asian for relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 376349**

STEVE 56, 5ft 4ins, seeks similar female, attractive, medium build for friendship, possible LTR. Cambridgeshire. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 373857**

CECIL mature male, 5ft 4ins, medium build, likes dancing, seeks slim, N/S female, 70 plus to share happy times. Suffolk. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 376171**

FIT active 68yr old male, likes cinema, theatre, walks, wildlife, museums, travel, seeks slim lady, 50-60 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 376127**

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MALE seeking a good lady, 20-30 for friendship and more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 387750**

ANDREW 36, OHAC, WLTM female, 35-55 for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 376209**

29YR old male, seeks female, 30-32 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 374767**

SEAN 45, 5ft 11ins, mixed race, seeks female with GSOH, 40-60 for fun times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 374713**

CHRIS late 50's, divorced, tall, slim, N/S, OHAC, seeking pleasant lady for adult friendship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 387572**

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CLIFF happy professional, N/S gent, 60's, fit, active, slim, no ties, solvent, likes travel, history, music, countryside, seeks younger lady for happy times. Essex area. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 374973**

GENUINE male, 68, fit, active, varied interests, theatre, arts, museums, wildlife, walks, travel, meals out, conversation, seeks slim, smart lady, 50-60 N/S with similar interests. Colchester. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 374595**

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CHARLIE seeking a female for fun and friendship, maybe more. Kettering. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 373937**

YOUNG 49yr old male, blue eyes, brown hair, 5ft 11ins, good looking, slim, fit, caring, considerate, romantic, GSOH, seeks female. Northants. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 372877**

PROFESSIONAL guy, Northampton, working away, seeking a likeminded woman for fun times. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 374069**

JAMES relaxed, fun, fit, down to earth ex teacher, 50, 5ft 9ins, medium build, seeks bright, curvy, Cambridge female, 25-50. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 374567**

TERRY 46, likes cinema, meals out, concerts, travel, seeks loving lady, 30-47 with similar interests for lasting relationship. Suffolk/Cambridge. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 374457**

COLIN 57, young at heart, seeks genuine, caring, loving female for LTR. Essex. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 375801**

MARK tall, slim-medium build male, 47, looking for love. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 375691**

MALCOLM 53, easygoing, GSOH, medium build, seeks female, any age for possible LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 375639**

JAMES black male, early 60's, considerate, caring, likes walks, cinema, meals out, seeks female, any age/nationality for romance and LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 375541**

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eat, drink & party this Christmas

IF you are anything like me, the arrival of September and the onset of darker nights is enough to start the first thoughts of Christmas.

I always tell myself I will think ahead this year and get sorted with any plans or shopping so I can avoid the festive frenzy.

Well if I am going to do that then I guess now is the time to start thinking. . . If you are planning a work night out then restaurants will start booking up so have a think about where you want to go and take a look at the Christmas menus that are starting to appear. Or if you are eating out on the big day itself, December 25, you really can't afford to wait if you want to make sure you get a table.

If you have one or several nights out in December then you might also need to take a look at your wardrobe. During the festive season there are plenty of outfits in rich and seasonal colours. It's also the one time of year when you can really get glam and get away with some added sparkle or more dramatic hair and make up. Just don't take inspiration from your Christmas tree - you can wear extra twinkle while still keeping it subtle.

While thinking about decoration you could even start considering what you need to buy to make your tree as pretty as a Christmas card. You might pick up some great deals on lights and decorations if you start now and try smaller, independent stores if you want to get something unique.

These type of shops are also great for picking up a special gift and although the festive season is about more than presents, I am sure you will be buying some. Write a list and get an idea of where you need to go before starting out. It will keep the stress of shopping at bay and have you rocking around the Christmas tree in no time.

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Head down to your local charity warehouse to pick up some home bargains if you're in need of new furniture but can't afford to splash out – the simple things will surely give your home a new lease of life.

Coming to an end of what seemed a very short summer; gardens still need a little TLC.

De-head you're flowers if they look wilted as they will continue to flourish throughout the next few months and keep you're wooden garden chairs and tables under shelter as the rain will damage them.

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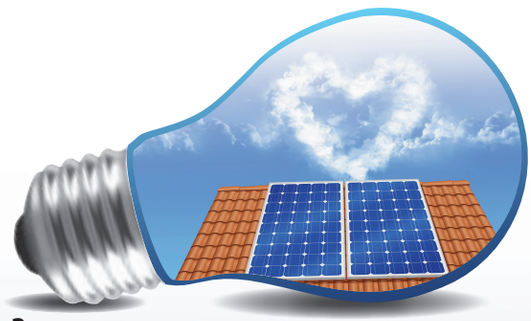

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He has also appeared in hit films such as Hot Fuzz, Run Fatboy Run, The Invention of Lying and The Tooth Fairy.

Beginning a career in stand-up, Merchant was hired as Ricky Gervais's assistant in 1997 hosting a show on a London-based radio station XFM.

It was this growing friendship which led to the creation of The Office in 2001 and Extras in 2005, before coming home to XFM for The Ricky Gervais Show where they were joined by An Idiot Aboard star Karl Pilkington.

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Reviewed by Laura Turner

Wild Ginger is a contemporary Indian restaurant set in St Crispin, Duston. The restaurant serves modern Indian dishes as well as the traditional favourites.

Booking is strongly recommended as their seating capacity is 100.

If you have visited Wild Ginger before you will have experienced driving around St Crispin looking slightly dumbfounded at where the restaurant could be - it was difficult to find because our Sat Nav hadn't been updated and took us to a dead-end but after a few minutes of driving around we found it. The parking area is situated in the middle of the cul-de-sac. If you were to go on a weekend, I would suggest getting there early as I have a feeling the parking area would fill up very quickly.

the BEST Prawn Puree I have ever had

Walking into Wild Ginger, my partner and I were hit by a feeling of luxury; the whole restaurant has been decorated and styled to a very high standard.

We were seated by a very polite waiter and were waited on hand and foot the entire time we were there. I'm not sure if you'd get this amount of attention if it was busy but I am sure they'd make a lot of effort to ensure you left feeling full and happy.

We dined on a Sunday lunchtime when a buffet was served. It is cheaper than the menu if you're on a budget.

We started with Diet Cokes (from glass bottles may I add, not from a can like you can get in a lot of Indian restaurants) and poppadoms. They were light and crispy, along with the chutney, yogurt and onions, it was the perfect pre-starter.

I could possibly eat here every single night

I ordered Chicken Cake for starter, minced chicken with spices and deep fried in breadcrumbs with side of salad. It was lovely, just enough for a starter, they were shaped into patties with chives sprinkled on top. My partner ordered Prawn Puree - small prawns in tomato sauce with herbs and spices wrapped in thin naan bread. Once having eaten it he exclaimed "*I think that was the BEST Prawn Puree I have ever had*". Now, if that doesn't sum up our meal, I don't know what will. And then the main course arrived - a feast if you will.

The menu has dishes that neither myself nor my partner had heard of – Modu Murg which sounded delicious regardless. I very nearly ordered the Mango Chicken but I opted out at the last minute (to my partner's disappointment) to order chicken Korma (I'm not very adventurous at the best of times).

The Korma arrived with boiled rice and plain naan. They weren't brought out in the traditional silver dishes that you might expect but I feel this made a statement saying "WE ARE NOT LIKE OTHER INDIAN RESTAURANTS" - they were served in very modern white bowls that any kitchen would be proud to have in their cupboards.

The Korma beautiful - creamy and coconutty and the chicken was tender, everything that you want and expect from the perfect Korma. The rice was fluffy and the naan was soft on the top and slightly crispy on the bottom.

My partner ordered chicken Dhansak and garlic naan - I couldn't review this as the thought of anything spicy makes my eyes water but he tells me "*it was perfection, just spicy enough without being overwhelming, the chicken was succulent and I could possibly eat here every single night*". The garlic naan was the perfect side order to dip into the Dhansak sauce and like-wise with the plain naan.

Looking at the wine and spirit menu, they have a very large range of both if you fancy a tipple.

It is safe to say that we were very impressed with the restaurant and all aspects of it, from the food right down to the comfortable seating and the traditional music. If Wild Ginger isn't in your local area, I am telling you it is worth the petrol money.

Wild Ginger, you may need more seating - there's a stampede on its way.

What'sOn24/7

Roundabout tour tale of love and romance

THEATRE

I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE

Various dates and locations

A LAUGH out loud show will be visiting villages in and around Northants and Milton Keynes next month.

Roundabout Theatre Company will be touring this show which covers everything you have ever secretly thought about dating, romance and marriage but were to afraid to admit.

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change is the second-longest running 'off Broadway' musical.

It follows the journey we take when we fall in or out of love, when we date, marry and grow old together.

There are some real laugh out loud moments and some surprisingly poignant and moving parts.

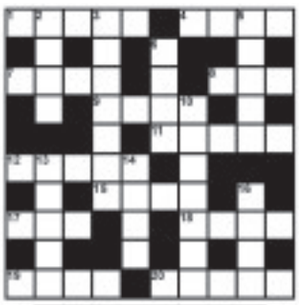
A few naughty moments too mean the show isn't suitable for anyone under 16.

Roundabout Theatre Company is made up of cast and crew members local to the area and all with several years experience in local theatre.

However, this is the first ever company tour and everyone is excited at the prospect of adapting the show to suit five totally different venues.

The show will be in Northamptonshire at Badby Village Hall on Friday, October 7 and Blisworth Village Hall on Saturday, October 8 at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £8 or £6 concessions when booked in advance on 01908 379340 or £10 and £8 concessions on the door.



QUICKSOLVE?

ACROSS
1.Cost (5)
4.Show (4)
7.Soar (4)
8.Nevertheless (3)
9.Look sulky (4)
11.Move (5)
12.No colour (5)
15.Period (4)
17.Night before (3)
18.Sad (4)
19.Puts together (4)
20.Gut (5)

DOWN
2.Plant base (4)
3.Small (7)
5.This and that (5)
6.With (4)
10.Finger guard (7)
13.Very angry (5)
14.Retain (4)
16.Roll (4)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK
ACROSS: 2.Accolade 6.Substitute 7.Myriad 11.Patchy 14.Impression 15.Dissolve
DOWN: 1.Resume 2.Auburn 3.Catnap 4.Late 5.Duty 8.Damsel 9.Active 10.Cygnet 12.Impi 13.Kris

ANSWER FILM STARS

ANSWER MATCH FIVE

FIND THE WORDS

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Find the words. Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: Directors: Welles, Tati, Scott, Siegel, Lucas, Kubrick, Cohen, Allen, Brooks, Capra, Nunn, Lean, Polanski, Stone, Lynch, Donner, Huston, Lang, Altman, Coppola

MATCH FIVE

Amongst all the five letter words, can you find the five that appear in both grids? (Forwards, backwards, up, down, straight or diagonal)

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Nº Fun! *51*

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Use all the numbers and signs to make the star total. Do calculations in strict order from left to right with no brackets - eg 9x3+6÷1-1=32

Last week: 4 – 2 + 2 + 3 x 8 = 24

BRAIN STRAIN

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How many words of four letters or more can you make? No plurals, proper names or foreign words. All must include the centre letter. Good: 32 Maestro: 42+

Breakfast club

– with Heart FM's Stuart and Natalie

WE'VE had a run of big stars on the show, with their new movie releases.

Sarah Jessica Parker has a new film out, called I Don't Know How She Does It, based on the famous book by Alison Pearson, about the life of Kate Reddy, a working mum, juggling everything from life, kids and to being taken seriously at work.

Our showbiz editor Charlie caught up with SJP who apparently doesn't like just being called Sarah. You need to call her SJP or Sarah Jessica!

In the film she stars with Pierce Brosnan and told us what it was like, she said: "I got to hang out with him briefly in Mars Attack a few years ago but my head had been removed and I was a Chihuahua not nearly as romantic or satisfying.

"This time we were together for three weeks.

"He is dangled in front of my character like a piece of temptation and who better to distract you from your marriage then Pierce Brosnan."

Of course we were also keen to hear how Carrie was doing, although it was strange how Sarah Jessica talked about her alter ego. "Carrie's in New York City. I haven't talked to her for a while but I know Big has been travelling for a while and she's been seeing the ladies a lot and they seem to be very well."

Slightly worrying. . .and it got us thinking would there be a third movie?

SJP told us: "There's not been a real conversation about it.

"I had a casual one a few years ago and I'm sort of privy to a story idea but I think the timing isn't right so I think not in the near future but maybe not in the horribly distant future."

Stuart and Natalie present Heart Breakfast Monday to Friday 6am-10am on Heart 96.6FM

Get shopping to help good causes

WHAT'S ON

SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA
The Atrium, Whittlebury Park
Wednesday, September 28 and Thursday, September 29

THIS shopping experience in aid of charity takes place next week, thanks to the efforts of a group of five mums.

Now in its eleventh year, the event is getting bigger and better, last year raising £19,000 for good causes.

This year the money will again go to the Northamptonshire branch of Macmillan Cancer Support and Helen & Douglas House Hospice in Oxford which is for children.

In addition, the committee are also hoping to raise some much needed funds for St John Ambulance.

There will be about 60 stalls selling a range of products including home-wares, gifts, jewellery and clothes.

It will take place between 5pm and 9pm on the Wednesday and 9am to 4pm on the Thursday.

Entry costs £5. Refreshments will be available.

The event is not affected by the news that Whittlebury Hall has gone into administration.

Byrne aims for better comedy

COMEDY

JASON BYRNE – CIRQUE DU BYRNE
Royal & Derngate
Thursday, September 29 at 8pm

IN THE COMEDY RING: Jason Byrne

A COMEDIAN can start life as an up-and-coming star doing jokes in the style of their favourite act or they can, without knowing, see their influence pop up in unexpected ways.

The *H&P* recently spotted a comedy connection between Irish comedian Jason Byrne and the comic who makes him laugh – Tommy Cooper.

He said: "I have always loved Tommy Cooper and I always laugh out loud when I see him."

For many comedy fans, Byrne has been making them laugh since he burst onto the scene in 1998.

His brand of intelligent lunacy ensures there is no other comedian like him with a number of sell out shows.

Awards and nominations include the Chortle Award for Best Headliner 2007, Perrier Newcomer Award nomination 1998 and a Perrier Award nomination in 2001.

His television credits include Comedy Rocks with Jason Manford (ITV1), hosting Dave's One Night Stand (Dave) in Dublin, Live at the Apollo (BBC One) and in 2010 Jason hosted two series of The Jason Byrne Show (BBC Radio 2) for which he won the Sony Radio Gold Award for Best Comedy and starred in two series of The Odd Half Hour (BBC Radio 4).

Byrne said his style of humour came from his culture, upbringing and watching comedies in the 70s and 80s.

He felt living on a big housing estate with friends and family was where he learnt to listen to people telling stories.

And in essence telling stories is what comedians do; tell us a funny story with a punch line.

For many comedians, a defining moment comes when they do a show where it all comes together and 'they find their comedy voice'.

Explaining this Byrne said: "I have always had confidence and I have never thought of doing comedy as a real job.

"I don't know the exact moment when I found my comedy voice.

"I remember my first hour show in Edinburgh and despite everything going really well I thought I could do much better. I am my own worse critic but I always think I could do better and this means I can improve.

"This is where bad comics come from as they believe what they are doing is funny.

"They are the ones still doing open spots at comedy stores ten years after they started.

"You can see it on shows like X Factor where some singers really believe they can sing and they are dreadful. While others don't think they are very good but are."

Edinburgh's top selling comedian Byrne acts as the ringmaster of tom-foolery in this anarchy-packed show of acrobatic proportions.

Cirque Du Byrne is recommended for ages 16 and over.

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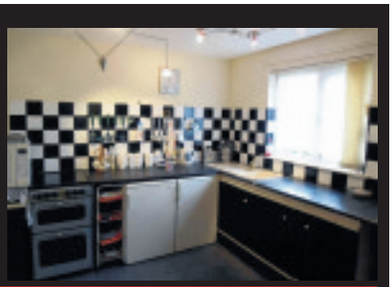

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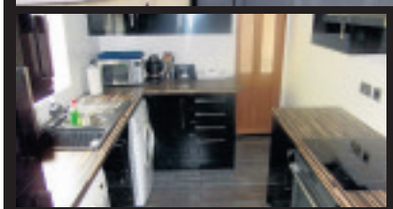

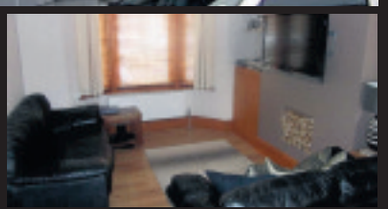

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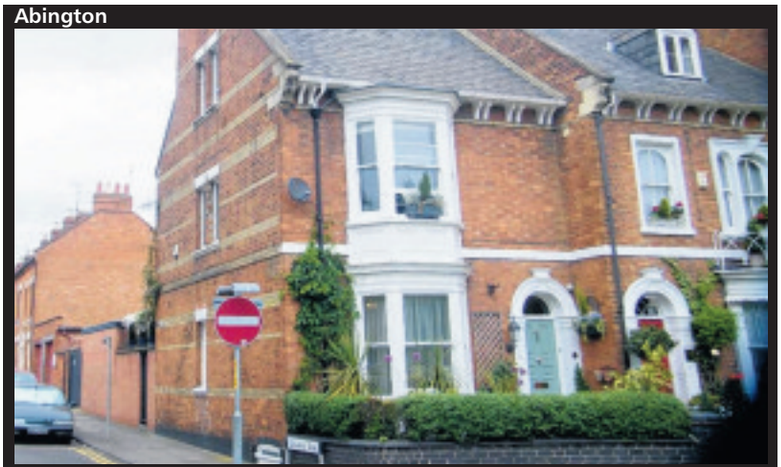

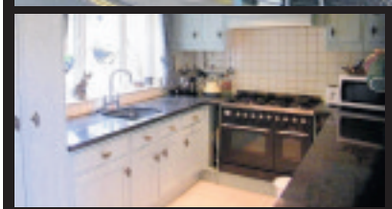

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- Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Gas to Radiator Central Heating

Southfields

£90,000

- Three Bedrooms
- End Of Terrace
- Gardens To The Side, Front And Rear
- Lounge/Diner
- Downstairs WC
- Re-fitted Bathroom

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£100,000

- Three Double Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Gardens to Front and Rear
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Early Viewing Advised

Standens Barn

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- Two Double Bedroom Bungalow
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Refitted Bathroom
- Well Presented
- Lounge/Diner
- Early Viewing is Essential

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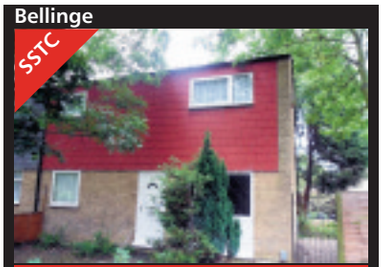

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- Garage

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- Large Rear Garden
- Gas to Radiator Heating

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£155,000

- Three Double Bedrooms
- No Upper Chain
- 33Ft Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Block Paved Off Road Parking
- Front and Rear Gardens

Kingsthorpe

O.I.E.O £135,000

- Three Double Bedroom
- Victorian End Of Terrace
- Double Garage
- Refitted Kitchen
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing (where specified)

Kingsthorpe

O.I.E.O £150,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Single Garage
- Double Glazing
- Gas to Radiator Central Heating
- Well Presented Throughout

Kingsthorpe

£150,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached Property
- Double Glazing
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Private Parking
- Garage

Kingsthorpe

£125,000

- Two bedroom property
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Conservatory
- Front and rear garden
- Garage

Kingsthorpe Hollow

£120,000

- No Upper Chain
- Refitted Kitchen
- Good Size Garden
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing

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- Allocated Parking
- Enclosed Rear Garden

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- Three Bedroom End of Terrace
- Well presented
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Sun Room
- Larger than Average PLot

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- Over 55's Development
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- Secure parking
- Viewing is a Must

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- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Allocated Parking For One Car

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£115,000

- Two Bedroom
- First Floor Apartment
- Over 55's Development
- Secure Gated Parking
- Warden Control
- Gas Central Heating

Duston

£130,000

- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Landscape Rear Garden
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Off Road Parking For Two Cars
- Downstairs Cloakroom

Duston

£127,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Mid Terrace Property
- No Upper Chain
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing Wear Specified
- Off Road Parking

Duston

£140,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Detached
- No Upper Chain
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking To Garage
- Gas Central Heating

Duston

£125,000

- Two Bedroom Property
- Newly Built
- Finished To A High Standard
- No Upper Chain
- Off Road Parking

Duston

£170,000

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Duston

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- Three Reception Rooms
- Master Bedroom With Ensuite
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Duston

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- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Garage
- Utility

Duston

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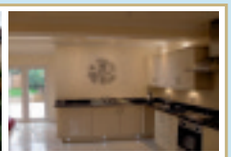

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- Village Location

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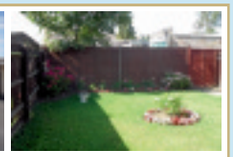

£134,950 Blisworth

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Garage
- Village Location
- 2 Bedrooms
- No Upper Chain
- Cosmetic Work Required

£549,995 Blakesley

- Split Level Detached Family Home
- 5 Bedrooms, Master with En-Suite
- Views over countryside
- Privately Located
- Study
- Detached Double Garage

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- Period Stone Built Family Home over Three Floors
- Five Bedrooms
- Driveway with parking for several vehicles
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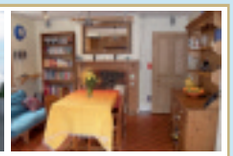
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing throughout



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"We have lowered the height by 20mm and increased the width by 10mm compared with the current car," said Mitsuru Kariya, Civic development leader.

"Defining the correct proportions was the most important challenge for the design of the new Civic.

"We enhanced the sporty aspect of the design while creating a clean, dynamic shape."
Sources of inspiration included a 'blended wing body' aeroplane in which the fuselage and wings blend into a single body for superior aerodynamic performance.

This concept was a clear break in a new direction, rather than relying on sheer strength and engine power to convey a sporty image, a 'blended body' with reduced resistance would demonstrate a smarter image for the new Civic.

An example of this new image is the new rear combination light that works as an aerodynamic spoiler, managing air flow over the top and sides of the car.

The new interior is focussed around the driver and creates a sporty ambience.

"We wanted to create the feeling of a cockpit, like a racing car or an aeroplane," said Yukio Emi, the design chief of the Civic interior.

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2006 56 **NISSAN MICRA 1.2 SPIRITA,** 5door, red, 40,000 miles £4495

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2004 54 **FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC** 5 door, blue, 69,000 miles £3995
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2002 02 **FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC** 5 door, silver, 102,000 miles £1995

LOW MILEAGE PEUGEOT 207

2009 59 **PEUGEOT 207 SW 1.6 HDi (90)** S 5 door estate, blue, 12,000 miles £8995
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2005 55 **PEUGEOT 307 SW 1.6 S** 5 door estate, red, 66,000 miles £4995
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2003 53 **PEUGEOT 307 SW 2.0 HDi SE,** 5 door, estate, grey, 56,000 miles £3495

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2000 W **ROVER 75 2.0 V6 CLUB** 4 door auto, silver, 66,000 miles £1995
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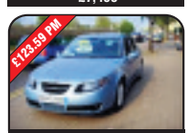

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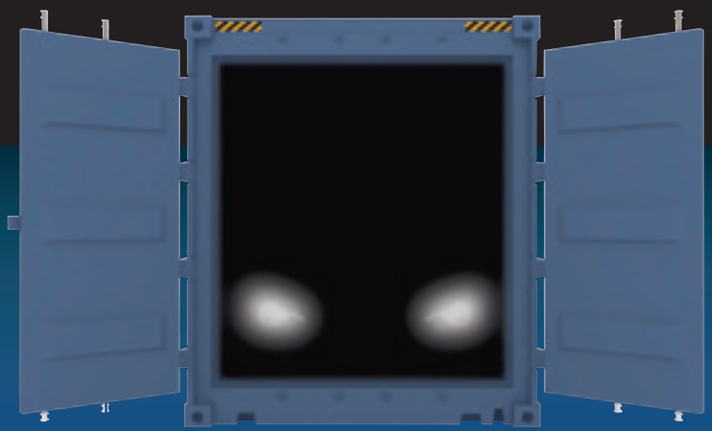

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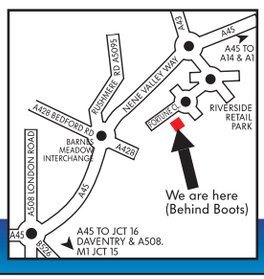

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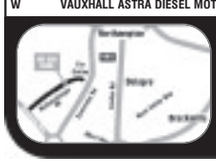

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Toyota Avensis
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Mark Rutherford School

Assistant Headteacher - Director of Sixth Form

Required from January 2012
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As a member of the Leadership Team your specific focus will be on leading and managing the 6th Form, achieving the targets set, increasing recruitment and raising standards of attendance, attainment and success rates. We will also provide full opportunities for you to participate in whole school strategic planning and wider Leadership roles.

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All the information, including the job description, person specification and application form can be found on our website. Please send completed application forms to fran.wade@mrus.co.uk.

Closing date: Midnight Sunday 2nd October 2011
Interview date: Week commencing 10th October 2011

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment; The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced CRB check. We welcome applications regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or religion.

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Luton
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Key responsibilities:
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For the above posts you need to have initiative and enthusiasm. You must be able to work under pressure and have excellent communication skills. In return we offer comprehensive training; childcare vouchers; pension after qualifying period; and 24 days annual leave plus 4 statutory days, in addition to bank holidays.

If you feel you have the skills and knowledge to meet our requirements, please contact administration for an application pack on tel: 01582 723434, email: administration@alcohol-services.co.uk
All successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced CRB check

Closing date: Thursday 29th September 2011 5pm.
Applications after this date will not be considered
Previous applicants need not apply

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Biddenham Turn, Bedford MK40 4AZ
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LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

33 hours per week, term time only plus 5 training days
Salary: Level 2A point 10 (actual salary £10,824 pa)
fixed term contract until 31st August 2012

Two flexible, motivated individuals are invited to join this vibrant team, supporting individual students and small groups with Special Educational Needs within the school. The successful applicants will enjoy working with students aged 13-16, be able to work on their own initiative and be willing to become part of a very committed Learning Support Team.

Our school day is 7:45am – 2:30pm (plus 1 or 2 days per week to 4pm).

Closing date: Friday 30th September 2011
Interview date: Friday 7th October 2011

PERFORMING ARTS TECHNICIAN

27 hours per week, term time only plus 5 training days
Salary: Level 1C Point 7 (actual salary £8,184 pa)
fixed term contract until 31st August 2012

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Closing date: Wednesday 28th September 2011
Interview date: Thursday 13th October 2011

PE TECHNICIAN

20 afternoon hours per week over 5 days
term time only plus 5 training days
Level 1C, Point 6 (actual salary £5,905 pa)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

17 hours per week over 3 days
term time only plus 5 training days
Level 2A, Point 11 (actual salary £5,921 pa)

Both PE posts are fixed term contracts until 31st August 2012

Two motivated individuals are invited to join this vibrant and innovative school. We are seeking people who enjoy both working in a team and independently.

Closing date: Monday 26th September 2011
Interview date: Thursday 6th October 2011

Application forms and further details are available from the school and the school website.

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The successful candidate will; Be 18 years and over, be able to follow written and spoken instructions therefore basic literacy, numeracy and communication skills are essential. You will be able to remain concentrated and motivated during repetitive work tasks at unsocial hours whilst delivering products of the highest quality. You will ideally have previous experience in a food production environment. An understanding of food hygiene and safety is paramount as is a positive work attitude.

The hourly rate for this role is £7.36 per hour (with 25% night shift allowance) and our staff are paid weekly.

Applications MUST be made in writing and MUST include an up to date C.V. and covering letter.
Please email to lindie.fernandes@lantmannen.com or alternatively post your application to;

HR Department
Lantmannen Unibake UK Limited
Maidstone Road
Kingston
Milton Keynes
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Closing date: 25th September 2011

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Harrowden Middle School
Oak Road, Bedford, MK42 0HH

Office Administrator

Temporary to cover maternity leave

37 hours per week, term-time only.
Grade L3A point 15-18

£14,039 to £15,007 per annum

The school is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified person to join our office team.

Hours of work will be 8.30am to 4.30pm each day.

This is a temporary post from December to 30/9/2012.

The ability to work with pupil database is desired as well as reliability and flexibility on occasions.

Visits to the school are welcomed.

For details and application pack please contact fsheppard@harrowden.beds.sch.uk or call 01234-220480

Closing date: 10th October at 5pm

Interview Date: 20th October

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Headteacher: Mrs S. Lourensz

Assistant Headteacher Leadership Scale Pts 7 – 11

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Closing date for applications – **7th October 2011**
Interview date – **14th October 2011**

Further details and an application form are available on the school website. We would welcome and encourage potential applicants to visit the school. Please contact the school office by telephone or e-mail, to request an appointment.

www.jobsnow.co.uk

Newnham Middle School

Polhill Avenue, Bedford MK41 9DT
T: 01234 303403 F: 01234 303404

Required for January 2012

Key Stage 3 Leader (TLR2c)

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Closing date: 4th October

If you are interested in the above post, please **download a pack from our website**. Alternatively please contact Ms Corbyn in the school office **for further details and an application pack** or email direct at pcorbyn@newnham-middle.org.uk

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Closing Date: Wednesday 28th September, 2011

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

Required as soon as possible
(Fixed term October, 2011 to August 2012)
Level 2 Point 10 – 16
£13,874 - £16,440 pro rata (depending on experience)
Term Time Only

A Learning Support Assistant is required as soon as possible. The successful applicant will work alongside the teaching staff in supporting students in lessons or on a one to one basis when students are withdrawn from lessons. This is a fixed term position and hours are negotiable.

Closing Date: Wednesday 28th September, 2011

SIXTH FORM SUPPORT ASSISTANT

MATERNITY LEAVE COVER
From November, 2011 to June, 2012 in the first instance
8.00am – 4.00pm (term time only)
Level 2 (Point range 10 to 16)
£13,874 - £16,440 pro rata (depending on experience)

A flexible, keen and enthusiastic Support Assistant is required to work in an extremely busy office. The successful candidate will be able to work independently and be highly organized. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills are essential.

Closing Date: Wednesday 28th September, 2011

For any of the above positions, please telephone Lou Ellis (Headteacher's P.A.) at the school for further details and an application form or visit our website to download the relevant information and application forms (www.redborne.com)

Redborne is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The successful candidates will be required to undertake a Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Redborne is a successful school that achieves excellent examination results, 86% of students gain 5A - C grades at GCSE (72% including Maths and English).Our Value Added Score is also very high. 'A' Level results are also very good with 57% of passes at 'A' or 'B' grades and an overall pass rate of 99.7%.The school is well regarded and popular, situated in a very pleasant area of Central Bedfordshire, within easy reach of London. About 80% of the Sixth Form go on to University. This year 4 students got into Oxbridge. This year our Sixth Form results were graded as "excellent". The school had an excellent OFSTED Report in 2008 and was graded as "OUTSTANDING". Redborne has received Sports College, Science College and Training School Status, the Arts Mark Gold Award and has been awarded High Performing School Status.*

Care Connections (UK) Ltd
2nd Floor, 21-23 Mill Street,
Bedford, MK40 3UE

SUPPORT WORKERS FOR OLDER PEOPLE/ LEARNING DISABILITIES

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You will have excellent communication skills and good understanding of the needs of adults with learning disabilities, challenging behaviour and older people. Hourly rates are from £6.94 (Mon-Fri) and £7.96 (Sat & Sun). We pay additional enhancements for those who have an NVQ qualification.

We also have a vacancy for a full time Senior Support Worker **(Ref CCSSW02)** to provide leadership to our team. Successful candidate will have 2 years previous experience supporting adults with learning disabilities, challenging behaviour & working with older people in a Senior position. You will need to be flexible and participate in On Call as part of a team on a rotational basis. Hourly rates are from £7.65 (Mon-Fri) £8.42 (Sat & Sun). We pay enhancements for On Call duties.

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Salary: Harpur Trust Scale Point 19, £18,839 per annum

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We are also looking to appoint cleaning operatives to work evenings in school. You will have previous experience of cleaning in a school or similar environment, will have a track record of demonstrating high standards and will be experienced in operating heavy cleaning machinery.

Hours vary but will be between 4pm and 8pm daily.

Additionally we are seeking to establish a bank of cleaning operatives to cover absences and holidays and would also welcome applications for this role.

Salary: Harpur Trust Scale Point 4, £6.67 per hour

Closing date for applications is mid-day on 28 September 2011

Further details of the above posts and an application form can be downloaded from the 'Job Opportunities' link on our website: www.bedmod.co.uk or requested via email from: personnel@bedmod.co.uk

Completed applications are to be returned to:

The Human Resources Department
Bedford Modern School
Manton Lane
Bedford MK41 7NT

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St Andrew's School Bedford

FINANCE and ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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The successful applicant will have experience of finance and administration work, be accurate and attend to detail as well as having good interpersonal skills. This is a full time position. The hours are 10.00-18.00

Please contact Sheila Heaney, PA to Headmaster, for further details and an application form, on 01234 267272 or sheaney@standrewsschoolbedford.com. Details can also be found on the 'Join' section of our website www.standrewsschoolbedford.com.

Closing date for applications Wednesday 28 September 2011 with interviews shortly afterwards.

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This role carries responsibility for providing outstanding support for students and their families in order to maximise student outcomes.

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When you send your CV off to a potential employer, remember that you won't be the only one. Hundreds of other people could be applying for the job as well.

So what are you going to do to make you stand out from the crowd? Why should an employer take a chance on you instead of someone else?

Your CV is your first real chance to sell yourself to a potential employer. Most employers will scan through a CV in about 30 seconds so you need to grab their attention from the start - and make them want to invite you for an interview.

There are five main areas to consider when writing your CV:

• Make sure your CV looks the part. Your CV should look clean and tidy - don't scrawl it out on a piece of A4 paper. If you haven't got access to a PC or printer, ask a friend or use your local library. Use a good quality paper and steer clear of fancy borders and front covers.

• Watch out for silly spelling and grammar mistakes. They make you look lazy and show employers that you don't really care. It's not difficult to do a spell check on your PC and if you're really stuck then don't just guess, reach for a dictionary. Get a friend to read through your CV for you - a second opinion is always useful.

• Make sure your CV is well organised. When you list your previous jobs, make sure the dates are correct and try not to leave any gaps. If you took time out to go travelling then say so - employers won't mark you down just because you've tried something new.

• Don't waffle. Remember that employers don't have time to read every word of your CV. Long paragraphs and sentences put people off, so try bullet-points to break up text. Make sure your CV is no longer than two pages long - employers don't want your life history, they just want to see that you've got what it takes to do the job.

• Don't list any failures. Employers have enough trouble finding someone who is right for the job - they don't need help finding reasons not to employ you. If you have to include a mistake from your past, make sure you show the employer that you learnt something from the experience.

Keep it simple

Personal details

Start off with your full name, address, date of birth, home and mobile phone numbers, email address and nationality. If you are offered an interview, the employer will want to get hold of you so give him as many options as possible.

Summary/professional profile

This is the No1 area for selling yourself. Set out your main skills and personal qualities but keep it interesting and tight - one paragraph should do to cover everything.

Education and qualifications

List your qualifications and education history, with the most recent first. You don't need to list the grades for each exam you have passed unless they were exceptional results - simply listing the number and type of exams you've passed is fine. Also, list any relevant professional organisations you belong to and training courses you have been on.

Work experience

Start with your most recent position and work backwards, giving addresses along with start and finish dates. Set out your main responsibilities, duties and most importantly achievements, along with any skills you picked up or improvements you made while you were there. This is a really important section in your CV so make it count - but don't waffle.

If you have not had a full-time job before, detail any part-time jobs you may have held or any placement you have been on.

Other skills

Set out any computer skills you may have and the software you are most familiar with. Can you type, do shorthand or speak a foreign language fluently? If you have a driving licence, let the employer know. If it's clean, tell them.

Interests & hobbies

Briefly list what you get up to in your spare time. Put down any positions you hold in clubs or associations, along with any responsibilities and achievements.

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If you want to list them now make sure you include their name, job title, postal & e-mail address and contact phone numbers. Alternatively, just put "Available on request" so the employer knows to follow up references at a later date.

Add a covering letter

The main aim of a covering letter is to encourage an employer to give you a chance. You want them to read your CV, so sell it to them. You should always enclose a covering letter when applying for a job - most employers won't consider you unless you do.

A covering letter should let the employer know why you are interested in the job and why you think you can do it.

The hints and tips below should point you in the right direction:

• Keep it simple. A covering letter should be short and to the point - no more than six paragraphs.

• Mention the job. If you are replying to an advert, mention what the job is and where you saw it. The company may be advertising for other positions and it may not be clear which job you are applying for.

• Sell yourself. Explain why you are the perfect candidate for the job. Show off your strengths and experience. Refer to your CV - if it goes missing then at least an employer will know that you've sent it.

• Check it for mistakes. A silly spelling mistake in a covering letter is likely to cost you your chance of getting an interview. Also, make sure it is addressed to the right person in the right department.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PENFOLD LANE, HIGH STREET & STATION ROAD, GREAT BILLING, NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along those lengths of Penfold Lane, High Street and Station Road, Great Billing, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: Those lengths of Penfold Lane, High Street and Station Road, Great Billing, Northampton from the junction of Wellingborough Road to junction of Fishponds Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 26th September 2011 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 30th September 2011 between 08.00 hrs and 15.30 hrs.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: For traffic heading north use Fishponds Road, Great Billing Way and Wellingborough Road. The route is vice versa for traffic heading south.

Dated this 22nd day of September 2011
QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Legal Services
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (THE HEADLANDS, NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of The Headlands, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of The Headlands, Northampton from the junction of Wellingborough Road to junction of Booth Lane.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching and resurfacing.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 26th September 2011 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 7th October 201 – off peak only.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: For traffic heading north use Wellingborough Road and Booth Lane. The route is vice versa for traffic heading south.

Dated this 22nd day of September 2011
QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Legal Services
PKG/T11/152

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (HIGH STREET, ASTCOTE, PATTISHALL)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of High Street, Astcote, Pattishall as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of High Street, Astcote, Pattishall from the junction of A5 to junction of School Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 3rd October 2011 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 21st October 2011 at off peak times.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: For traffic heading north use A5, Butchers Lane and School Road. The routes is vice versa for traffic heading south.

Dated this 22nd day of September 2011
QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Legal Services
PKG/T11/158

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (REDHOUSE ROAD, NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Redhouse Road, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Redhouse Road, Northampton from the junction of Boughton Green Road roundabout to the junction with Kings Park Roundabout.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during diversion of water main.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 27th September 2011 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 17th October 2011.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: For traffic heading east use Boughton Green Road, Boughton Lane, Moulton Way, Booth Rise and Talavera Way. The route is vice versa for traffic heading west.

Dated this 22nd day of September 2011
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WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No.: 11/0056/REMWNN
Applicant: Neptunus Ltd
Location: Plot 460, Swan Valley, Cob Drive, Northampton, Northamptonshire
Proposal: Submission of Reserved matters to include layout, scale, appearance, access and landscaping pursuant to outline permission 90/0732 as varied by WN/2006/0138 dated 20/12/2006 for the erection of a 4,293sq.m building for uses within Class B2 and B8 with ancillary office accommodation

Copies of the applications, plans and any other documentation submitted are available for inspection at WNDC Offices, Franklin's Gardens, Weedon Road, Northampton between 10am –12am and 2pm – 4pm. They can also be viewed on-line at **www.wndc.org.uk**, please follow the link to **'Search Planning Applications'**.

Any person who wishes to make representations on the application(s) can comment via our website or write to the Planning Department, PO Box 622 Franklin's Gardens, Northampton, NN5 5WU by **13th October 2011**.

When submitting a comment on a planning application to WNDC, your name and address will be published, along with any comments you make, in the public planning register, which is available in hard copy and online under the terms of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

Adrian Arnold
Director of Planning Services, on behalf of West Northamptonshire Development Corporation
Date: 22nd September 2011

HIGHWAYS AGENCY

UNDER ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)(a) THE FOLLOWING APPLIES
THE A45 TRUNK ROAD (HIGHAM FERRERS TO M1 JUNCTION 15, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the A45 Trunk Road in the County of Northamptonshire to allow resurfacing and lining work to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to –

(1) impose a 40 miles per hour speed the southbound carriageway of the A45 from a point 550 metres north of its roundabout junction with the A428 (Barnes Meadow Interchange) to a point 1100 metres south of the centre point of the Eagle Drive/ Caswell Road roundabout (Brackmills Interchange);
(2) close –
(a) the southbound carriageway of the of the A45 from its roundabout junction with the A6 and A5028 Station Road (Chowns Mill Roundabout) to its junction with the slip road leading from the B573 (Doddington Road/Earls Barton Road) near Earls Barton;
(b) the northbound carriageway of the A45 from its junction with the slip road leading to the A43/Lumbertubs Way Roundabout (Lumbertubs Interchange) to its roundabout junction with the A509 (Wilby Way Roundabout);
(c) the southbound carriageway of the A45 from its junction with the slip road leading to the A428/A5095 roundabout (Barnes Meadow Interchange) to its junction with the slip road leading from the Eagle Drive/Caswell Road roundabout (Brackmills Interchange); and
(d) the southbound carriageway of the A45 from its junction with the slip road leading to the B526/A508 roundabout (Queen Eleanor Interchange) to the circulatory carriageway at M1 (Junction 15).
(3) close the slip roads leading to and from -
(a) the southbound carriageway of the A45 between its roundabout junction with the A5001/B645 Northampton Road and Crown Way (Skew Bridge Roundabout) and its junction with the B573 (Doddington Road/Earls Barton Road);
(b) the northbound carriageway of the A45 between its roundabout junction with the A43 (Lumbertus Way Interchange) and its roundabout junction with the A509 (Wilby Way Roundabout); and
(c) the southbound carriageway of the A45 between its roundabout junction with the A428/A5095 (Barnes Meadow Interchange) and its junction with the M1 (Junction 15).
(4) close the layby situated adjacent to –
(a) the northbound carriageway of the A45 approximately 1400 metres south of Wilby Way Roundabout; and
(b) the southbound carriageway of the A45 approximately 3400 metres north of Wilby Way Roundabout.
(5) prohibit vehicles from entering or leaving the southbound carriageway of the A45 at its junction with -
(a) the Filling Station access roads situated 2600 metres north of Wilby Way Roundabout;
(b) Wootton High Street; and
(c) the Filling Station access roads situated 400 metres south of the centreline of Wooldale Road overbridge.

The work will be carried out overnight between 21:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Monday 17 October 2011 and continue for four weeks. The Order will come into force 10 October 2011.

Vehicles being used by special forces will be exempt from the speed restrictions. Vehicles being used by the emergency services will be exempt from the speed restrictions, closures and prohibitions. Vehicles being used in connection with the works will be exempt from the closures and prohibitions. Diversion routes will be well signed.

For further information, please contact AndrewPerry, Project Manager on behalf of the Highways Agency, on 01536 419623.

THE A43 TRUNK ROAD (SILVERSTONE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) (SLIP ROAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the A43 Trunk Road at Silverstone, in the County of Northamptonshire, to allow junction improvement and maintenance work to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to close the slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the A43 from Dadford Road (south of Silverstone).

The work will be carried out overnight between 2000 hours and 0600 hours and is expected to start on Monday 3 October 2011 and continue for four weeks. The Order will come into force on 26 September 2011.

Vehicles being used by the emergency services and vehicles being used in connection with the works will be exempt from the closure. A diversion route will be well signed.

For further information, please contact Kerry Edwards, Project Manager on behalf of the Highways Agency on 0844 3728381.

THE M1 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 16) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the M1 Motorway, in the County of Northamptonshire, to allow repair work to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to –

(a) impose a 50 miles per hour speed restriction on –
(i) the southbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 5000 metres north of the centrepoint of the A45 junction (M1 Junction 16) to that centrepoint; and
(ii) the slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the M1 at Junction 16; and
(b) close the slip road described at (a)(ii) above.

Work will be carried out overnight between 20:00 hours and 05:00 hours and is expected to start on Monday 3 October 2011 and last for four nights. The Order will come into force on 26 September 2011.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes will be exempt from the speed restrictions and closure. Vehicles being used for special forces purposes will be exempt from the speed restrictions and vehicles being used in connection with the works or by a Traffic Officer will be exempt from the closure. A diversion route during the slip road closure will be well signed.

For further information, please contact Helen Beech, Project Manager on behalf of the Highways Agency, on 01623 886556.

MIKE LLOYD, a Higher Executive Officer in the Highways Agency

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990
APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

N/2011/0782 **The Lamplighter Public House, 66 Overstone Road** – Installation of extraction system. Re-submission of refused application N/2011/0227. Within the Boot & Shoe Conservation Area.

N/2011/0796 **23 - 29 Motspur Drive** – Outline application with some matters reserved to develop the site to 21no. two bed dwelling houses. Small-scale Major Development.

N/2011/0853 **64 - 66 High Street, Kingsthorpe** – Fascia sign. Within Kingsthorpe High Street/Manor Road Conservation Area.

N/2011/0859 **St Marys Church, Abbey Road** – Single storey side conservatory and conversion of loft to ancillary flat. Grade II Listed building.

N/2011/0866 **Braybrook House, 4 Spencer Parade** – Continued use of premises from office (Use Class B1) to sports injury treatment (Use Class D1), general counselling (Use Class Sui Generis), hypnotherapy (Use Class D1) and reyki (Use Class D1) - Retrospective. Grade II GV Listed Building Within St Giles Conservation Area.

N/2011/0867 **199 Kettering Road** – Change of use of cellar from A2 (Financial and Professional Services) to A3/A4 (Restaurant and Café and Bar). Within the Boot & Shoe Conservation Area.

Members of the public may inspect copies of the applications, plans and any other documentation submitted at the One Stop Shop, Guildhall, St. Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE during all reasonable office hours. Plans can also be viewed on-line at www.northampton.gov.uk, click on 'planning' and then 'planning search facility'. Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should write to the Planning Division, Guildhall, St. Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE or email planning@northampton.gov.uk by 13th October 2011.

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Saints all at sea but Mayday call can wait

RUGBY UNION

TOM May has found himself in far worse situations during his rugby career than Northampton Saints do at present, and is determined to use his experience to help them overcome their stuttering start to the season.

Saturday's 14-13 home loss against London Irish means Northampton have taken just one win from their first three Aviva Premiership games of the season, although they can get back on track away to Sale Sharks tomorrow night.

Having experienced relegation battles in his final seasons with Newcastle Falcons, May *(pictured above)* can draw on that to help his current team-mates. Indeed, it was his own performances as a stand-in fly half that helped the Falcons avoid the drop in 2009.

Despite only joining in the summer, the 32-year-old is regarded as one of the senior players at Franklin's Gardens and will be imparting his wisdom to the younger members of the squad to help guide them.

"I remember when I lost when I was younger that you would just be killing yourself for days, but in this league you don't have that much time," said May. Understand the mistakes you've made and let it hurt still, but move on and we have to move on to the next game pretty quickly.

"I suppose the good thing about having a short turnaround is that you get another crack at the whip fairly soon and there is not too much waiting.

"For me, personally I would prefer to get my kit back on, go back out there and do it all over again, but we'll come back and we'll be fine.

"We're not playing particularly well, but we'll work on playing better. You can only keep pushing and pushing in training, you fight your way out of it.

"I've been in a lot worse positions with different teams and that's the only way you get yourself out of it. You don't feel sorry for yourself, you don't feel too down – it's head down, arse up and keep pushing through."

Neither Northampton nor London Irish particularly shone during last weekend's game, with the match decided by Tom Homer's penalty three minutes from time.

Any late penalty call that leads to a score is always going to be contentious, especially as many home fans felt referee Martin Fox had missed a knock-on by the Exiles in the build-up.

May was not making any excuses afterwards though. He said: "We've got to get ourselves into a position where it's not down to the flick of a coin.

"No-one tries to make errors, but if you try to push too hard, if you're too eager and too enthusiastic you can put too much pressure on yourself. We need to cut that out quickly – we shouldn't be putting silly balls down, we shouldn't be giving away so many daft penalties, and we know we've got to fix that.

"Everyone hates losing and the most important thing is to come back with our heads held high, just crack on with it because we don't just turn into a bad team over two or three weeks. We know what we can do, we know we're not playing particularly well and it's up to this group to drag ourselves out of it.

"We need to keep hold of the ball, not give away stupid penalties and understand what the game needs at particular times.

"We got to that position and we just needed to defend well, and we'll learn from that, bounce back and come back stronger."

Clarke keen to progress after inking a new deal

BY MARC BAZELEY
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CALUM Clark is determined to keep improving after being rewarded with a new contract at Northampton Saints just three games into the new season.

The flanker, who joined from Leeds Carnegie last summer, quickly established himself in the side last season, making more appearances than any other squad member with 35.

He was also voted Young Player of the Season by the fans, but the 22-year-old is not resting on his laurels and is ready to push on in his development.

"I feel like I've improved a lot as a player," he said. "I feel that comes with playing with top quality players as well as being coached by top quality coaches.

"I feel like I've matured and that my discipline has improved, which was a problem when I was younger, but again, that comes with playing in bigger games where a penalty can mean a win or a loss.

"All in all, I feel I've taken a step forward.

"Every day I want to get better and do something to improve.

"You take it to the max in whatever you do on the gym and on the field, and you hope that is going to make you a better player."

Despite his young age, Clark was entrusted with the captaincy at times when Dylan Hartley and Phil Dowson were both absent during the course of last season.

A former England Under-20 skipper, he continued to develop those skills and believes he has learnt from being around the two men who also take that responsibility at the club.

And while his leadership skills are one area Clark wants to continue to develop, he also feels he is in the right place to continue improving the other aspects of his game.

"I'm really pleased to have committed myself, the club is in a good position both on and off the field and I'm pleased that they wanted to keep hold of me," he said.

"I wanted to stay so it was pretty easy decision to make.

"It's always nice to have the backing of the coaches, but you always want to keep performing, keep improving and I want to kick on. I want to try and improve myself as a player and get good results for the club.

NEW DEAL: Calum Clark (no.6)
picture by Andy Kearns

"The next three or four years are really important for me, developing as a player. I took all of that into consideration and I think there is no better place to be than here.

"Obviously, with the length of contract coming at this time it's the perfect place to be and the perfect length of deal to be developing and getting better as a player."

Clark has once again been a mainstay of the side in the opening weeks of the season and is now aiming to make up for the defeats against Harlequins and London Irish with victory at Sale Sharks tomorrow night.

"It would be the perfect way for him to celebrate his new contract.

"I always want to win," said Clark. "I take it personally if we lose and find it hard to deal with when we play badly.

"The sooner we can start playing well and winning it makes my life a lot happier."

Mallinder wants his men to sink their teeth into Sharks

RUGBY UNION

THERE are some parallels to be drawn between tomorrow night's trip to Sale Sharks for Northampton Saints and the corresponding fixture last year.

When the side headed north to Edgeley Park on a cold November evening last year they were missing several players due to call-ups for the autumn internationals.

However, tries from Jamie Elliott and Greig Tonks helped them to a 19-10 triumph that night, and now they return with eight players absent due to the World Cup.

The situation in the league is slightly different, although it is far too early to be reading anything into Northampton sitting ninth, having only played three games.

Nevertheless, director of rugby Jim Mallinder is looking for a repeat of that showing after last Saturday s 14-13 loss at home to London Irish.

"It's shown that we can do that and we need to back that up," he said. "We had a good pre-season this year, but we've not really hit the heights as yet that we want to. We've got a good team and we know that all those players can play well, and hopefully it will come good on Friday night.

"Playing up at Edgeley Park is difficult, particularly on a Friday night, and I think Sale like to have that intimidating atmosphere up there. But we know what to expect – we've been there before, we won up there last year and there is no reason why we can't do it again.

"[Sale director of sport] Steve Diamond has talked about getting a bit of Northern pride back up at Sale and I think he's probably going to do that. It has shown from their last two games that they are a decent side now and they won't be pushed around."

After losing their opening fixture, Sale have beaten both London Irish and London Wasps in the past two weeks, despite having ten players away at the World Cup. And Mallinder, who spent 15 years with the Sharks as a player and coach, is keen for his side to rediscover the winning habit tomorrow night.

He said: "I don't think you need to worry too much about the league table just at this moment in time.

"But what we've got to make sure is that, over this period when the internationals are away, we work hard and get a certain number of points on the board so that when the internationals are back we're in a really good position. It's a difficult and strange time of the season. We're only three games in so it's hard to see which teams are doing well and who isn't.

"I think Sale will be really pleased – they sneaked a win against Irish, went down to Wasps and had a really good win against a side who had been playing well previously, so they'll be in a buoyant mood and I think they'll be very confident when they play us."

It was a late penalty from Tom Homer that snatched Irish a one point win over the Saints at Franklin's Gardens, which was just one of several close games so far this season.

"If you look at a lot of the results throughout the Premiership there have been some really close games, and London Irish the week before narrowly lost to Sale by an odd point," said Mallinder. "A lot of results are like that and we've got to make sure we are better, stronger and that we don't leave it to the referee's decision in the last couple of minutes to decide a game.

"We were very frustrated after the weekend, but we've looked at the game, had a good chat about it and we did play well in parts.

"There were some good scrums, some good line-outs and a little bit in our attacking play, although probably not enough in attack.

"In terms of defence we generally defended well, but switched off on a couple of vital occasions and we've got to get that right."

■ **Read a report after the whistle tomorrow night at www.northampton-news-hp.co.uk**

Di Resta ready to sling himself into Singapore circuit

MOTORSPORT

PAUL di Resta is relishing the challenge of taking to the Marina Bay Street Circuit under the lights as the Formula One World Championship heads to Singapore this weekend.

The British Force India driver goes into the race having scored points in two of his last three outings, with an eighth place at Monza in the Italian Grand Prix two weeks ago.

He gained some familiarity with the track last year, having attended the race as the Silverstone-based team's test and reserve driver, although did not drive it.

Di Resta said: "I definitely enjoy the challenge [of street circuits] and you have to take a slightly different approach to them.

"It's all about having as much time in the car so that you can push right to the limits of the track. We will also need to keep any eye on the weather because any rain storms could hamper things. I just hope we get some dry weather while I learn the track.

"I was there last year watching and I walked the track, so I know the layout.

"But it's true that Singapore is probably going to be one of the more difficult tracks to get up to speed on because it's such a long lap. Also, with any street circuit you need to build up your confidence over the weekend."

Di Resta *(pictured above)* was satisfied with his performance last time out on what was his first visit to Monza, and he will again be aiming for another points finish on Sunday's night race.

"I don't think we could have achieved any more, to be honest," he said. "I think that's where our performance level was. We struggled in general with the car's performance and we were fighting all the way, so picking up four points was a great result. There were a lot of different approaches going on in that race with some teams concentrating more on race pace than qualifying. It shows you can never underestimate any team."

■ OLIVER Gavin's hopes of claiming the GT Class title in the American Le Mans Series were ended in the six-hour American Le Mans Monterrey at Laguna Seca on Saturday.

Gavin and his team-mate Jan Magnussen finished fifth in their Corvette C6.R, 15.9 seconds behind the winning Porsche 911 GT3 of Joerg Bergmeister and Patrick Long.

The No.62 Ferrari, third across the finish line, received a post-race penalty for avoidable contact, promoting the pair from sixth to fifth in the final results.

Gavin said: "It was a very long day, and definitely not the result we were looking for, It really didn't pan out for us at all. We were never really in the fight and were always hanging out at the back in fourth, fifth or sixth. We seemed to have a lot of tyre degradation and drop off for some reason and we can't seem to get to the bottom of that at the moment as to why it happened here."

It meant that BMW Team RLL drivers Joey Hand and Dirk Mueller claimed the championship for 2011, with Gavin and Magnussen second in the standings.

Lane forced to play waiting game over date for next fight

BOXING

ASH Lane admitted that he was disappointed to have had a potential fight in Sunderland on Saturday evening scrapped, but is hoping to get back into the ring for his first fight of the new British boxing season next month.

The Northampton novice pro has been working hard in the gym over the summer months and promoter PJ Rowson has been looking to arrange his third professional bout for him.

However, no agreement for this weekend was forthcoming and Lane (1-0-1) is now waiting to hear if he will be in action in the next few weeks.

"It's quite disappointing," he said. "I've been busy at work so to keep training as hard as I have been has been hard.

"I was looking forward to it, but then I got a phone call on Monday saying that it wasn't going to happen.

"I was looking forward to going up to Sunderland. It will be good to go out on the road and carry on making a name for myself.

"It's hard thing training when you've got nothing to train for.

"Some nights you're out training and you think you'd rather be at home with a cup of tea, cheese on toast and just watching TV.

"I'm just keeping my spirits high, I've got good people around me and my sponsor is looking forward to my next fight."

Lane also has an awards night coming up on October 1, after his last bout, a four-round war with Ryan McNicol, was nominated for Midlands Area Fight of the Year.

It would be a double celebration if he wins as it falls on the same night as his 21st birthday, although he may well not be able to enjoy it as much as he would want.

"If I'm fighting in three or four weeks time then I won't be able to celebrate much," he joked.

"Boxing is a hard game, and I'm only just starting to find out how hard it is."

Lane's former amateur club, Far Cotton Boys ABC, have three of their boxers making their first appearances of the new season tomorrow night, including debutant Kyle Mason.

At 28kg, Mason is the lightest fighter ever to box for the club and makes his bow at the Digbeth Irish Centre in Birmingham against Dave Booth of Northside ABC, Manchester.

The show is being hosted by Small Heath ABC, and both Matthew Goode and Edward Stokes find themselves up against members of the host club.

Goode takes on Ayub Khan at 66kg in his second contest, having won his first bout, while Stokes, who has won five out of six, faces Jake Mulpeter at 37kg.

SKIING

Marek out to prove last year was snow joke

MAREK Behnke is preparing to return to the slopes again after a successful 2010/11 season which saw the Moulton ski cross star claim the British Junior Championships.

After securing last minute sponsorship, Behnke *(pictured)* was able to spend a full season on the second-tier Europa Cup tour, as well as competing in some World Cup events.

It concluded with him claiming the domestic junior title, and finishing third in the overall British Championship, which was swiftly followed by 25th place in the Austrian Championships.

However, it could well have been different.

"We weren't originally planning to go to the British championships, we were meant to go to the French ones but they got cancelled," he explained.

"It was a last minute decision to go there and it went well. We turned up, skied well – it was a good fun race.

"Once we had finished at the British championships we went over to the Austrian ones, which were a two-hour drive away. The course they had there was really nice, the snow was brilliant, the weather was good and I just had a really good feeling about that place.

"I skied really, really well and ended up qualifying in the races against people who had raced in the World Cup, so it was a really high quality field.

"I ended up qualifying with a good time and scored some really good results there, so that was definitely the high point of the season.

"The race in Austria was all of the guys I had been racing against throughout the year in the Europa Cup and in the World Cup, and it was at that point that everything came together at the right time.

"I showed that I can be well up there with those guys and had that been one of the normal Europa Cup events without the world guys I would have been easily top 15 in the field."

Behnke is scaling back his racing commitments this year as he begins studying Material Science and Engineering at Swansea University, but is still targeting a place in the World Junior Championships in Valmalenco, Italy, in March.

However, he once again has to seek sponsorship for the season and, due to a quirk in the rules, is unable to gain funding from the Talented Athletes Scholarship Scheme due to studying in Wales – despite being a member of the England squad.

Anyone interested in sponsoring Marek should contact his mother Liz by email at: Syzygy@syzygyleisure.co.uk

Johnno must find a fix for frustrating Cobblers form

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IT WAS English poet and author Horace Smith who was quoted as saying: "Inconsistency is the only thing in which men are consistent." Northampton Town boss Gary Johnson may well be thinking that applies to his side at present as well.

Having put in one of their best performances of the season away to AFC Wimbledon the previous Tuesday to secure a 3-0 win despite having a man sent off, the Cobblers then suffered a 3-1 defeat away to Macclesfield Town on Saturday to end their unbeaten run.

Dagenham & Redbridge now provide the opposition for Northampton this weekend when they visit Sixfields, and Johnson is searching for answers as to why performances have varied from one week to the next.

"We have to take each game as it comes at the moment because we have got an inconsistent group and that is something I need to address," he said in the wake of the loss at Moss Rose.

INJURY BLOW: Nana is out for season

"We need to get that consistency and when we are at our best we are a very good side, but when we're not we look average and that's when you get beat.

"The players have got to think to themselves whether they have done enough as individuals – let alone as a team."

Ben Tomlinson had fired the home side ahead on 36 minutes, but Marlon Jackson's first goal for the club since signing on loan from Bristol City got the Cobblers back on level terms just before half time.

It remained that way until the final six minutes. Tomlinson volleyed home his second from the edge of the area and then went from goalscorer to provider, threading through substitute Colin Daniel to kill off the game.

Johnson said: "I think for an hour the game could have gone either way and we are disappointed to have lost.

"We didn't give it enough of a go in the last 20 minutes and their second and third goals both came from us giving the ball away cheaply in comfortable areas.

"I felt at half time we could go on and win the game but we got sloppy and we needed to keep possession better and create more.

"Macclesfield are a fairly direct side and if you keep giving the ball away then they are going to be dangerous.

"For the first hour we looked OK and we were creating chances but the game was lost in the last 20 minutes."

The manager is hoping to sign two more loan players this week to help ease the defensive injury problems. Byron Webster is still ruled out due to a broken foot, while it has also been confirmed Nana will miss the rest of the season due to his knee injury.

Nick McKoy still has three games left on his suspension, but Johnson is hopeful that Arron Davies will be back to feature in midfield against Dagenham on Saturday though.

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Saints plan to Digg deep against Diamond's Sale

SHARK HUNT: Paul Diggin on the charge against London Irish last weekend

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PAUL Diggin is expecting another stern examination for Northampton Saints at Edgeley Park tomorrow night when they take on Sale Sharks.

Under the guidance of new director of sport Steve Diamond, the Sharks have enjoyed a strong start to the new Aviva Premiership season, winning their last two games.

And Diggin, who returned to the Saints line-up against London Irish last Saturday after an injury, has warned that they will be pushed all the way at Edgeley Park

He said: "They're a strong side and they play quite well up at Sale.

"Every game I have played up there in my career has been tight and they'll have a lot of confidence from their last games going into it.

"They beat London Irish and Wasps, so they'll have confidence and it will be a tough game.

"They're a team that like to throw the ball about.

"They will play rugby from anywhere, we know that Mark Easter is there, who is a great footballer, so he'll probably raise his game playing against his old team and I'm sure he'll be out to prove a point.

"Nick Macleod, at ten for them, keeps them ticking over quite well, young second row James Gaskell brings a lot of energy to them, and so they've got some good ball players in their team. If we take them out of the game then hopefully that will nullify their threats."

Diggin is looking forward to locking horns with former team-mate Easter, who left Franklin's Gardens this summer after five seasons with Northampton.

"There might have been the odd text message sent," said the winger with a smile when asked whether there had been banter flying around.

He added: "Mark is a good bloke and hopefully he'll have a shocker on Friday night and things won't go his way.

"He was brilliant and a good dog walking partner. Obviously, he has moved on for a different challenge now and we wish him all the best – just not too much on Friday."

For Northampton, the focus is on getting back to winning ways after suffering back-to-back defeats against Harlequins and London Irish.

Diggin offered no excuses for the reasons behind last Saturday's 14-13 loss, but insists that the squad are not dwelling on that and are determined to make amends.

He said: "They played better than us – that's what it came down to and they took their chances.

"Probably what much of it comes down to is fine margins at the moment.

"There are no easy games in the Premiership, be it home or away, and they took their chances more than we did.

"Obviously, we were disappointed to lose at the weekend, but you've got to move on.

"We've got a great challenge this week and the guys are excited about putting it right on Friday night up at Sale."

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